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TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Enhancing the capacities of developing countries for technical co-operation

Report of the Administrator

1.   In response to Recommendations 31 and 32 contained in the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, endorsed by the General Assembly's resolution 33/134, a report on Enhancing the capacities of developing countries for technical co-operation is being submitted to the High-level meeting on the review of technical co-operation among developing countries. The report is contained in document TCDC/4.

2.   The report is also being submitted, hereby, to the Governing Council, in response to its request at the twenty-fourth session. 1/

3.   The report was prepared by four consultants. The Administrator endorses the report, in general.. On some of the subjects contained in this report there are, however, relevant recommendations which Governments may also wish to consider in such reports as the Study on the role of experts in development assistance, 2/ Country programming as an instrument for co-ordination and co-operation at the country level, 3/ and the Role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries. 4/

1/   See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-third session, Supplement No. 3A (E/6013/Rev. 1), para. 525, op. para. 14.

2/   DP/334.

3/   DP/254.

4/   DP/443.

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4.   The report reviews the utilization of developing country capacities in
technical co-operation projects and considers ways of strengthening technical
co-operation among developing countries (TCDC) during the third UNDP IPF cycle
as well as in the Third United Nations Development Decade.   Recommendations
to Governments and the organizations of the United Nations system are made
under each of these three headings.   A brief summary of the main recommendations
is included in the report.