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TECHNICAL CO-OPERATING AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Report of the High Level Meeting of the
Review of Technical Co-operation
among Developing Countries

Note by the Secretariat on the Financial Implications

1. The Note by the Administrator (DP/504) refers to document TCDC/13, which is the provisional text of the Report of the High Level Meeting. Some fifteen Reports and studies are requested to be submitted to the next High Level Meeting, which is planned for 1981.
- ...2. The Director of the Special Unit for TCDC has prepared the attached annotated list of these reports and studies, indicating against those planned for preparation by consultants the estimated man/months required and in three cases that progress reports or studies will be undertaken by staff of the special unit. The average man/month consultant cost has been estimated at \$5,000. Therefore the total financial provision for the 75 man/months of consultancies is estimated at approximately \$400,000.
3. In addition, the present rough estimate of the increase in reporting and general workload is that it might be almost three times that of the previously planned work programme. Therefore, the requirement for additional temporary assistance - which has been calculated with a one-third lapse factor - is presently estimated at not more than \$190,000.

4. In view of the fact that the Governing Council has not as yet decided whether to endorse the studies recommended by the High Level TCDC Meeting; in view of the fact that document TCDC/13 was so recently received that it has not as yet been possible to evaluate whether some of the approved studies might be carried out as a by-product, or otherwise, and financed from other sources; and in view of the fact that the Administrator has not and will not be able during the present session to definitively evaluate the costs involved for the studies and for such assistance to the TCDC Unit as may be required; the decision of the Budgetary and Finance Committee must, if taken at this time, necessarily be formulated somewhat conditionally.

SUMMARY LIST OF REPORTS AND STUDIES REQUIRED
FOR THE 1981 HIGH-LEVEL MEETING

	<u>Estimated Number of man/months of Consultancies</u>
<u>I. Progress Reports</u>	
1. TCDC activities in the field of Transport and Communications	1 m/m
2. Procedures and Resources enabling return of qualified personnel	3 m/m
3. Economic potentials which could be developed through joint ventures	6 m/m
4. Existing and possible structures within the United Nations development system to promote TCDC	(None - staff report)
5. (i) Case studies from developing countries related to their bilateral and multilateral TCDC activities;	3 m/m
(ii) Information from developed countries on progress in implementing BAPA.	
<u>II. Special Reports/Studies</u>	
1. Interregional activities in support of objectives transport and communication decade in Africa	(None - staff study)
2. Case study - experience in participation of women in development	6 m/m
3. Studies - role and potential of TCDC in:	
(a) rural development	2 m/m
(b) industrial development	3 m/m
(c) increasing agricultural production	5 m/m
(d) stemming rural-urban migration	3 m/m
(e) hydrological research and water conservation/desertification/arid lands	5 m/m
4. Requirements for strengthening and supporting national and multinational training and research	9 m/m
5. Programmes designed to orient and train staffs of United Nations organization and developing countries	(None - staff study)
6. Evaluate and assess the function of IHRES	14 m/m
7. National focal points and administrative arrangements for TCDC	6 m/m
8. Legal arrangements for TCDC	3 m/m
9. Potential financial sources for TCDC	6 m/m
TOTAL ESTIMATED CONSULTANT MAN/MONTHS:	<u>75 m/m</u>

ANNOTATED LIST OF REPORTS AND STUDIES REQUIRED
FOR THE 1981 HIGH-LEVEL MEETING

Estimated
Number of
man/months of
Consultancies

I. Progress Reports

Reports on Progress made in implementing recommendations of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action and of the Decisions of the First High Level Meeting, addressed to the United Nations development system should include inter alia:

1. "... an account of progress in TCDC activities in the field of transport and communications" (reference: paragraph 7 of decision re transport and communications); 1 m/m
2. "compilation and dissemination of data" between developed and developing countries, international organizations, etc., on procedures and resources to enable return of qualified personnel to their countries of origin (reference: paragraph 2 (i) of decision on work programme for 1981 Meeting, paragraph 3 of decision on progress report, and recommendation 27 of BAPA); 3 m/m
3. "economic potentials which could be developed through joint ventures" i.e. (as explained in Working Group I), the use of TCDC in establishing and strengthening joint ventures between developing countries based on agency, IBRD and other experiences (reference: paragraph 1 (i) of decision regarding work programme for 1981 High-level meeting and decision on enhancing capacities); 6 m/m
4. "description, enumeration and operation of existing and possible structures within the United Nations development system" to promote TCDC, i.e. (as explained in Working Group I), to know what help is available and how developing countries can best use the United Nations system (reference: paragraph 1 (ii) of decision regarding work programme for 1981 High-level meeting). (None, will be undertaken by Staff of Special Unit)
5. Review of progress made at the national and international level for the implementation of TCDC, to include, inter alia:
 - (i) Information and case studies from developing countries related to their bilateral and multilateral TCDC activities (reference: paragraph 4 of decision related to progress reporting); 3 m/m

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- (ii) Information from developed countries relating to progress in implementing DAPA (reference: paragraph 6 of decision related to progress reporting).

II. Special Reports/Studies

1. A paper "concerning possibility of interregional TCDC activities" in support of the objectives of the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa (reference: paragraph 6 of decision related to transport and communications among developing countries). (None, will be undertaken by Staff of Special Unit)
2. A case study along the lines of the one prepared for the first High-level meeting by a professional and technical organization related to experience in the participation of women in development (reference: paragraph 3 of decision on building new knowledge calling for "action-oriented" studies and reports on this subject and paragraph 5 of decision regarding progress reporting). 6 m/m
3. Studies on the role and potential of TCDC in such areas as:
 - (a) rural development. 2 m/m
 - (b) industrial development 3 m/m
 - (c) increasing agricultural production 5 m/m
 - (d) stemming rural-urban migration 3 m/m
 - (e) hydrological research and water conservation to combat desertification and improve use of arid lands 5 m/m

While studies are to be carried out by competent United Nations organizations, UNDP will have to solicit contributions and provide funding, and since suggested topics are of an intersectoral nature, provide over-all co-ordination. (Reference: paragraph 3 of decision related to work programme for the 1981 High-level meeting).

4. A study on requirements for strengthening and supporting national and multinational training and research, including (i) support by the United Nations development system to national centres having multinational scope; (ii) preparation of "a methodology for promoting joint research and development programmes" through TCDC; (iii) the

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- strengthening of linkages between institutes and enterprises for the technical training of developing country personnel; (iv) exchange of scientific and technological information; and (v) "ways and means of setting up ... research programmes in science and technology ..." (reference: such a study would be generally responsive to the thrust of the decision on establishing and strengthening national research and training centres and, more specifically to paragraphs 2 (ii) and (iii), 3 (i)(d) and 3 (ii) of the decision relating to the work programme for the 1981 Meeting). Study will require major inputs from regional economic commissions, other United Nations organizations and UNDP's Unit of Science and Technology.
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5. "formulation and development of programmes designed to orient and train" staffs of United Nations organizations and developing countries concerned with TCDC (reference: paragraph 1 of decision regarding progress reporting); (None, will be undertaken by Staff of Special Unit)
6. Progress in ensuring efficient flow of information on TCDC needs, capacities and opportunities; evaluation and assessment of functioning of INRES (reference: paragraph 9 of decision regarding enhancing capacities). 14 m/m
7. Study on national focal points and administrative arrangements for TCDC. (Reference also: paragraph 2 of decision regarding the progress report and item 9 of provisional agenda for the 1981 High-level meeting). 6 m/m
8. Study on legal arrangements for TCDC. (Reference: item 9 of provisional agenda for the 1981 High-level meeting). 3 m/m
9. Study on all potential financial sources available for TCDC. (Reference: paragraph 9 of decision on financial resources and item 9 of provisional agenda for the 1981 High-level meeting). 6 m/m
- Total estimated man/months of consultancies requested: 75 m/m