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**TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**Draft DecisionThe Governing Council,

Recalling the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, General Assembly resolution 33/134 endorsing the recommendations contained in the Plan of Action, and the Council's own decision 79/29 on TCDC;

Taking note of the report of the first High-level Meeting on the Reivew of TCDC contained in document TCDC/13 and Corr.1 and 2;

Noting that the Administrator has indicated that the amount of \$1.0 million allocated from the Programme Reserve by decision 79/29 of the Governing Council at its twenty-sixth session is almost depleted;

Noting also that the maximum amount estimated by the Administrator in DP/GC/XXVII/BFC/CRP.17 for the studies recommended in TCDC/13 and other consequential costs is, as a first estimate, \$590,000;

Noting further the recommendation contained in paragraph 8(a) of Decision I/80/7 in document TCDC/13;

1. Decides as an exceptional measure, to increase from \$1.0 million to \$1.5 million the amount to be allocated from the Programme Reserve for TCDC promotional purposes for the remainder of the second IPF cycle 1977-1981;
2. Requests the Administrator to review thoroughly the amount of funds required to carry out the recommended studies and tasks with a view to minimizing the impact on the Programme Reserve, and to determine whether some of the proposed studies and reports cannot be carried out as a by-product, or otherwise, of other activities in the United Nations system and thereby from other sources of funds;
3. Endorses the proposal of the High-level Meeting for the flexible use of country IPFs for TCDC purposes on the basis of the following principles:

- (a) Bearing in mind that the financing of TCDC activities is the primary responsibility of the developing countries themselves, the country IPF should be considered as a catalyst and a supplementary contribution only;
- (b) A country's IPF can be used for financing its own inputs in TCDC projects or for inputs of other developing countries;
- (c) The reimbursement of local currency costs from the IPF of one country for the financing of TCDC components in technical co-operation projects undertaken in another country, shall be restricted to those projects which have been notified to the Administrator as at the beginning of the first High-level Meeting;
- (d) UNDP's procedures related to approval of its assisted projects, compensation, hiring of national experts, procurement of equipment and services, subcontracting and related matters should be used; and in this connexion, the Administrator is requested to expedite the preparation of the modifications in the policies, rules and procedures of UNDP in accordance with Recommendation 34 (paragraph 59 (g)) of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action to accommodate and encourage TCDC initiatives;

4. Invites the Administrator to consider all aspects of the question of the reimbursement from IPFs of local currency costs drawing on such expert advice and comprehensive data and information as he considers appropriate; and

5. Further invites the Administrator to proceed with the preparation of proposals for the modification of policies, rules and procedures of UNDP, and to submit his findings and proposals on this matter and on paragraph 4 above to the next High-level Meeting and subsequently to the Governing Council.

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