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AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 1981

Draft report of the Governing Council on its twenty-eighth session

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CHAPTER VI

TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

ANNEX

Decision 81/31. TCDC and policies, rules and procedures of UNDP

The Governing Council,

Recalling the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, as endorsed by General Assembly resolution 33/134,

Recalling also the Council's decisions 79/29 and 80/46,

1. Takes note of the report of the second session of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries;

2. Decides to request the Administrator to:

(a) Ensure that for the period of the third programming cycle, earmarking from country IPFs for TCDC activities for the benefit of other countries does not exceed 10 per cent of the country's IPF or \$7.5 million, whichever is smaller;

(b) Lift the present blanket restriction on the reimbursement of local currency costs;

(c) Ensure that the following basic guidelines of TCDC be used in assessing TCDC project proposals:

- (i) TCDC activities or projects involved the deliberate and voluntary sharing or exchange of technical resources, skills and capabilities between two or more developing countries for their individual or mutual development;
- (ii) TCDC is initiated, organized and managed primarily by developing countries themselves. In such a process Governments of developing countries would normally take the lead or responsibility. TCDC could also involve the participation of national public institutions, and within the framework of the policies laid down by Governments of developing countries, private organizations and individuals;
- (iii) The financing and project inputs such as expertise, consultancy services, research and training facilities, equipment and supplies in TCDC activities should be the primary responsibility of developing countries themselves and the country IPF should be considered as a catalyst and a supplementary contribution. At its third session in 1983 the High-level Committee will on the basis of financial data for the years 1980-82 submitted by the Administrator of UNDP consider guidelines for the share of earmarked IPF funds of total TCDC contributions;
- (iv) TCDC can include all sectors and all kinds of technical co-operation activities of developing countries. It can be bilateral or multilateral in scope, subregional, regional or interregional in character. It should try, whenever possible, innovative approaches, methods and techniques particularly adapted to local needs as well as existing modalities of technical co-operation to the extent that they are considered useful;

(d) Allow that projects conforming to the basic guidelines enumerated in the previous paragraphs may be financed from country IPFs subject to the existing rules and procedures established for UNDP as a whole, with regard to project assessment, approval, implementation and evaluation. Within this framework, expenditure for provision of inputs necessary in the execution of projects should be allowed in the same manner and with the same flexibility as for the rest of UNDP;

(e) Allow that advances, current payments and reimbursements from the IPF resources be made by UNDP in the currencies of expenditure on the inputs concerned, and shall be drawn as far as possible from UNDP's holding of such or any other suitable currencies;

(f) Apply the following rules with regard to the reimbursement of certain local costs, associated with services and materials, which the Governments or

national public or private institutions of the "IPF country" should primarily bear in accordance with paragraph 2 (c) (iii):

- (i) Any part of the salary and allowances of professional staff and any part of the cost of contractual services payable in the home country of the staff or contractor would be reimbursable in the "IPF country" currency only;
- (ii) The local currency cost of equipment and materials purchased would be reimbursable in the "IPF country" currency only;
- (g) Apply regular UNDP procedures related to approval of its assisted projects, compensation, hiring of national experts, procurement of equipment and services, subcontracting and related matters;
- (h) Incorporate the above principles and criteria into the standing guidelines and instructions of the UNDP Policies and Procedures Manual;

3. Decides to request the Administrator of UNDP, for the purpose of monitoring the guidelines of TCDC set out in paragraph 2 (c), to notify the third session of the High-level Committee on the Review of TCDC and the thirtieth session of the Governing Council with respect to:

- (a) The relevant financial costs of projects funded from the country IPFs;
- (b) The amounts of IPF resources, if any, expended by UNDP in implementing the provision of paragraph 2 (e) and (f); and
- (c) The breakdown of expertise, equipment and supplies, consultancy services, and training present in these projects.

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Decision 81/32. Report of the High-level Committee on Review of TCDC on its second session

The Governing Council,

Recalling the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, as endorsed by General Assembly resolution 33/134,

Recalling also Council decision 80/46,

1. Takes note of the report of the second session of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, in particular its decision 2/9;

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2. Decides to allocate \$1.0 million for TCDC promotional purposes for the first two years of the third programming cycle, 1982-1983;

3. Requests the Administrator to submit to the Governing Council at its twenty-ninth session a report on the use and proposed use of these funds as well as study on the possibility of financing TCDC activities from other sources, including the regional and interregional IPFs;

4. Further requests the Administrator to report to the twenty-ninth session of the Governing Council on the TCDC activities under the regional and interregional programmes for the third cycle; and

5. Requests the Administrator to submit to the High-level Committee at its third session in 1983 the above reports, together with any comments of the Governing Council as well as an assessment on the use of the funds allocated.

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Decision 81/33. Enhancing the capabilities of maritime transport training institutions in the developing countries

The Governing Council,

Recognizing the importance of maritime transport in the international economic development, among the developing countries and between them and the developed countries,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980 on the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, in which the international community is called upon to assist the developing countries in the maritime transport sector and in the infrastructure in the training of maritime personnel,

Taking note of decision 5/2 of 9 June 1981, of the High-level Committee on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, in which the Governing Council is requested to take steps to identify and strengthen maritime transport training facilities in the developing countries with a multinational scope,

1. Requests the Administrator, in co-operation with United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization and other agencies to take the necessary measures to enhance the capabilities of maritime transport training institutions in the developing countries with multinational scope, through inter alia, interregional and regional programmes and assisting them with training specialists, training equipment, and fellowships in the field of maritime transport;

2. Requests the Administrator to report to the next Governing Council session on the implementation of this decision.

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