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Use and Proposed Use of the Funds from the Special Programme Resources during 1982-1983 on Promotional TCDC Activities

Report by the Administrator

Summary

The Administrator presents this report in response to decision 81/32 of the twenty-eighth session of the Governing Council of UNDP.

In chapter I an account is given of the current situation concerning the use and planned use of the U.S. \$1 million allocated in 1981 from the Programme Reserve for TCDC promotional purposes during the period 1982-1983. The amount has been revised to \$600,000 in view of the current financial situation.

Chapter II contains conclusions on the use and planned use of the Special Programme Resources for the promotion of TCDC activities.

The attention of the Council is drawn to the conclusions contained in paragraphs 21-22.

INTRODUCTION

1. In its decision 81/32, the Governing Council of UNDP took note of the report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries on its second session (TCDC/2/19) and, in that connexion, the Council decided to allocate U.S. \$1 million from the Programme Reserve (now superseded by the Special Programme Resources) for TCDC promotional purposes for the first two years of the third programming cycle, 1982-1983. Paragraph 3 of the same decision, inter alia, requested the Administrator to:

"Submit to the Governing Council at its twenty-ninth session a report on the use and proposed use of those funds."

2. In preparing this report, the Special Unit for TCDC has used as its basic document the report, "Status on the use of the Programme Reserve for financing the promotion of TCDC and recommendation for an additional allocation during the third cycle" (TCDC/2/L.4), which was submitted in 1981 to both the second session of the High-level Committee on the Review of TCDC and the twenty-eighth session of the Governing Council.

3. Chapter I has two parts. Part A contains information on the present status of the use of the \$1 million on training programmes, studies for the High-level Committee on the Review of TCDC, public information undertakings and promotional activities. Part B outlines the strategy adopted to programme the projects proposed to be financed from the Special Programme Resources until the end of 1983.

4. Chapter II contains conclusions suggested by the findings in chapter I.

I. USE AND PROPOSED USE OF THE ALLOCATION FROM THE SPECIAL PROGRAMME RESOURCES FOR TCDC PROMOTIONAL PURPOSES

A. Present status of use of \$1 million for 1982-1983

5. In its decision 80/30 the Governing Council decided that if mobilization of resources fell short of the target there would be a flat across-the-board percentage reduction in the uses of financial resources for the period 1982-1986, subject to a more precise estimate of the UNDP administrative budget. Accordingly, a pro rata reduction of the amount of \$1 million for 1982-1983 makes \$600,000 available for TCDC promotional purposes.

6. At present, the training programme on TCDC is receiving priority attention. The Introductory Trainers' Guide on TCDC, prepared under the project, Training and Education Programme on TCDC (INT/80/901), during 1980 and 1981 has been finalized in the form of a training kit and is printed in English. Copies produced under project, Training of Government Officials in TCDC (INT/81/906), have been distributed to all TCDC focal points in governments and organizations of the United Nations system as well as to the UNDP field offices. Initiatives are being taken to arrange for the guide to be translated into Arabic, French and Spanish.

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7. The offer made by the Government of India at the 1981 High-level Committee to host in New Delhi a regional seminar on TCDC for senior government officials of the Asia and Pacific region has been accepted. Preparations are under way to hold the seminar in April 1982 with the co-operation of the Government of India, the Economic Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the UNDP Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific. Forty Governments of the Asia and Pacific region are being invited to attend.

8. After this initial training session, additional sessions will be planned in Africa, the Arab States, Latin America and the Caribbean as well as within the organizations of the United Nations system. Charges to the Special Programme Resources are estimated to be up to \$200,000.

9. Six substantive studies are being submitted for the High-level Committee at its third session in 1983. Information on them is contained in the paragraphs that follow.

10. The original terms of reference for the report on rural-urban migration (TCDC/2/10) are being revised to meet the requirements of the brief report requested additionally by the second session of the High-level Committee. The appropriate expertise will be sought to write the report. The services of a consultant will be engaged for two months for \$10,000.

11. The report on the role and potential of TCDC in industrial development was requested in the first session of the High-level Committee. An amount of \$15,000 for three months of consultancy services is budgeted.

12. UNDP is working on the study concerned with developing models of legal instruments which would help Governments in preparing bilateral and multilateral agreements on TCDC. Once models have been developed, they would be available on request.

13. In line with the request of the High-level Committee following its consideration of the report on potential sources for financing TCDC (TCDC/2/16), some expanded information is being collected by the Special Unit for TCDC. The collected information will require professional presentation, printing and distribution at an estimated cost of \$10,000.

14. Initiatives have already been taken to collect information for analytical reports for the next session of the High-level Committee on: (a) the progress made in implementing the tasks entrusted to the United Nations development system by the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for promoting and implementing TCDC; and (b) activities of Governments in TCDC. For consultancy assignments an amount of \$10,000 has been set aside for each report, making a total of \$20,000.

15. The total amount allocated for studies during the two-year period is therefore \$55,000.

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16. In the area of public information support four editions of the quarterly publication, TCDC News, will be prepared, translated, printed and distributed during 1982 and 1983 at a cost of \$50,000, making a total of \$100,000 for the two-year period.

B. Strategy for use of the balance of the allocation from the Special Programme Resources until the end of 1983

17. A strategy has been adopted by the Special Unit for TCDC on its consideration of the use of that part of the Special Programme Resources for supporting promotional activities of TCDC during 1982 and 1983.

18. With a view to exploring the possibility of developing and transforming a selected number of UNDP intercountry projects into TCDC activities or enhancing their TCDC elements, a review of ongoing regional projects has been initiated in collaboration with the regional bureaux of UNDP. The review is still under way and is described in a separate report (DP/1982/42/Add.1). Thus far, recommendations for enhancement of TCDC elements could be accommodated within the projects' existing budgets. The possibility still remains open, however, that agreed steps to improve or follow up on a project to promote TCDC could be carried out through use of the Special Programme Resources.

19. With respect to progress being made in selecting a number of national research and training centres with multinational scope and developing their mutual co-operation through twinning or networking arrangements, it should be noted that several such centres have already been identified, and during the year steps will be taken to see how co-operative activities can be encouraged and mounted. The identification of other such centres is a continuing activity.

20. Other continuing activities concern collaboration with other inter-governmental organizations, United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to promote TCDC and, especially, co-operation with governments to evolve their TCDC activities. Proposals are being received and processed to find ways of supporting the initiatives. More proposals are expected and the main selection from among the proposals as well as from those promotional activities derived from the regional IPF programmes for support by the Special Programme Resources, is scheduled for March and April 1982.

II. CONCLUSIONS

21. Since 1980, with increased use of Special Programme Resources for studies, training and public information activities, less time and finance have been available for supporting the activities of inter-governmental groupings or NGOs with multinational scope and for promoting the realization of their group decisions. There has also been little opportunity for extending contacts with groupings in developing countries to stimulate and co-operate in starting up new and innovational TCDC initiatives and activities.

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22. The amount of \$245,000 from the Special Programme Resources is now available to carry out the tasks entrusted to the Special Unit for TCDC in recommendation 34 of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action, namely, inter alia, to assist Governments to undertake TCDC programmes and activities and to develop and test out new ideas, concepts and approaches for promoting TCDC, as well as to perform its function of actively programming promotional projects of TCDC. This amount represents the balance from the total allocation of \$600,000, after deduction for the commitments indicated in the table below.

Table 1. Use of Special Programme Resources for TCDC, 1981-1983

<u>Use</u>	<u>\$</u>
Training programme on TCDC	200 000
Consultancy services for report on rural-urban migration	10 000
Consultancy services for report on role and potential of TCDC in industrial development	15 000
Report on potential sources for financing TCDC	10 000
Consultancy for analytical reports to the High-level Committee	20 000
<u>TCDC News</u>	100 000
<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>\$355 000</u>
TCDC promotional projects	245 000
TOTAL	\$600 000

