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Framework of a study of the system-wide efficiency of the United Nations system in the field of science and technology for development

Report of the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. With regard to the reference made in paragraph 22 of document A/35/184 to the Joint Interagency Task Force on Science and Technology for Development, the relevant decision taken by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination (ACC), at its first regular session of 1980, held from 31 March to 3 April at Vienna, is reproduced below:

Decision 1980/1. Task Force on Science and Technology for Development

"The ACC decided to establish a task force on science and technology for development with the following terms of reference:

"1. Functions

"(a) The Task Force should be the arm of ACC responsible for ensuring adequate preparation of and efficient follow-up on relevant recommendations of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development which call for co-operation and co-ordination at the intersecretariat level with regard to the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action and to further action in the United Nations system in the area of science and technology for development. It should therefore be the essential mechanism of interagency co-operation in the implementation of tasks entrusted to the Intergovernmental Committee by the General Assembly.

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"(b) It should provide substantive support to the consultative committees of ACC in their consideration of science and technology issues, particularly regarding the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action. It should in this connexion propose and monitor arrangements for joint programmes and plans, designation of lead agencies, and so on.

"(c) The Task Force should advise and assist the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, as required, on a continuous and systematic basis, in relation to the responsibilities assigned to him in the Vienna Programme of Action.

"2. Composition

"The joint interagency Task Force will be open to the participation of all organizations of the United Nations system.

"Agency officials taking part in the work of the Task Force will normally be the substantive focal points designated by their organizations as responsible for the follow-up to the Vienna Conference.

"The Chairman of the Task Force will be appointed by ACC.

"3. Mode of operation

"The meetings of the Task Force will be scheduled in accordance with established procedures to take into account the requirements of the Intergovernmental Committee on Science and Technology for Development. Subject-oriented working group meetings may be organized. Meetings may take place in conjunction with the Intergovernmental Committee or at the headquarters of one of the organizations.

"The ACC also appointed the Chairman of the Task Force for the first year of its operation. The ACC decided that the appointment would be announced as soon as the Secretary-General had appointed the Assistant Secretary-General in charge of the United Nations Centre for Science and Technology for Development."

2. The Chairman appointed by ACC for the first year of the operation of the Task Force is Mr. S. K. Jain, Deputy Director-General of the International Labour Organisation.
