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Item 3 of the provisional agenda.

Preparation for the United Nations
Conference on Technical Co-operation among
Developing Countries

- (b) Draft provisional agenda of the
Conference

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6. Technical co-operation among developing countries as a new dimension of international co-operation for development:
 - (a) Technical co-operation among developing countries and its interrelationship with economic, scientific, social and cultural co-operation among developing countries
 - (b) Technical co-operation among developing countries as a means of enhancing the availability and effectiveness of development resources for international co-operation

- (c) Expansion of the participation in technical co-operation among developing countries of the least developed and geographically disadvantaged countries

This subitem has its origin in the report of the Working Group 1/ which recommended that, in the implementation of TCDC programmes and projects, special attention should be given to the needs and capacities of the least developed and geographically disadvantaged countries. The objective of this recommendation was to expand to the fullest extent possible the participation of these countries in TCDC. This recommendation was reiterated at the regional preparatory meetings.

- (d) Measures for enhancing confidence in the existing and potential capabilities of developing countries for mutual technical co-operation

This subitem also originates in the report of the Working Group 1/ which recommended that, in order to enhance confidence in the existing and potential capabilities of developing countries for TCDC, special attention should be paid by Member countries and the United Nations development system alike to the removal of attitudinal and other barriers that restrict fruitful co-operation among these countries.

- (e) Development and operation of an action-oriented information system on the technical capacities available in developing countries for use by other developing countries

This subitem has a relationship with subitem (d) in that the Working Group considered that the two major obstacles to the promotion and expansion of TCDC were attitudinal barriers and lack of information on the potential of developing countries for TCDC. The Working Group therefore recommended that the United Nations development system as a whole and UNDP in particular should ensure that effective information measures on TCDC capacities and needs should be initiated and developed as early as possible. The importance of effectively countering both the attitudinal and information barriers was stressed at the regional meetings.

- (f) Identification of possible sources and methods of financing technical co-operation among developing countries

In order to implement the priorities resulting from its recommendations, the Working Group emphasized the importance not only of utilizing funds available from all existing sources but of finding additional resources and methods of financing TCDC. The regional meetings strongly supported the need for a study of all available sources of funding and of methods of obtaining additional resources for TCDC.

- (g) The role of technical co-operation among developing countries in exploring new approaches and strategies for solving development problems common to developing countries

The Working Group recommended that UNDP, participating and executing agencies and regional commissions should stimulate the development and application of new

concepts and methods of TCDC. This recommendation was strongly supported by the regional meetings, which looked on TCDC not only as a means of sharing existing capacities and experience among developing countries but more importantly as a means of exploring new development strategies for solving common development problems. The regional meetings also emphasized the importance of research as an instrument for such exploration.

7. Institutional arrangements at the national level to promote and conduct technical co-operation among developing countries

This item is the subject of several recommendations of the Working Group, particularly those relating to governmental efforts in TCDC; the role of UNDP, international organizations and developed countries in assisting such efforts; assistance by UNDP, on government requests, in establishing special offices in developing countries to plan and co-ordinate TCDC activities; and review, adjustment and extension by UNDP, participating and executing agencies and regional commissions of existing national procedures and arrangements to facilitate TCDC. This item was also the subject of a report prepared by the Institute for Developing Countries (Zagreb, Yugoslavia) (DP/TCDC/RAP/2, RAF/2, RLA/2, RWA/2) which was discussed at the regional meetings.

8. Institutional arrangements at the international level to promote and conduct technical co-operation among developing countries

This item was also the subject of several recommendations of the Working Group, primarily those relating to arrangements at the interregional level for promoting and expanding TCDC; the formulation and implementation of global, interregional and regional projects designed to promote TCDC; and the review, adjustment and extension of existing interregional and global projects designed to promote TCDC. A report entitled "The role of the international organizations in promoting TCDC", prepared by Mr. Hernan Santa Cruz, President, International Centre for Development (DP/TCDC/RAP/5, RLA/5, RAF/5, RWA/5), was prepared for and considered at the regional meetings.

9. Adoption of a plan of action for promoting technical co-operation among developing countries

A plan of action will be prepared for adoption by the Conference. It will be based on the recommendations contained in the final report of the Working Group on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, 1/ on the recommendations made by the regional meetings and on TCDC on the recommendations and suggestions made by the participating and executing agencies and regional commissions and will follow the policy guidelines provided by the Preparatory Committee for the Conference.