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Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman
of the Committee, Mr. Mohamed Shaaban (Egypt),
on the basis of informal consultations held on
draft resolution A/C.2/42/L.53

Technical co-operation among developing countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978, in which it endorsed the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, 1/ and its resolutions 34/117 of 14 December 1979 and 35/202 of 16 December 1980 on technical co-operation among developing countries,

Reaffirming the importance of technical co-operation among developing countries and the catalytic role of the United Nations system in supporting such activities in accordance with the Buenos Aires Plan of Action,

Reaffirming that developing countries have the primary responsibility for promoting technical co-operation among themselves, that developed countries and the United Nations system should assist and support such activities, and that, in addition, the United Nations system should play a prominent role as promoter and catalyst of technical co-operation among developing countries, in accordance with the Buenos Aires Plan of Action,

1/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, Buenos Aires, 30 August-12 September 1978 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.II.A.11 and corrigendum), chap. I.

1. Reiterates the validity and pertinence of all the recommendations of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries;
2. Endorses the decisions adopted by the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries at its fifth session; 2/
3. Urges the Governments of developing countries to give full support to the implementation of recommendations 1 to 14 of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action;
4. Urges the Governments of developed countries to give full support to the implementation of recommendations 35 and 36 of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action;
5. Invites the developing countries to continue to strengthen their focal points for technical co-operation among developing countries with a view to promoting their activities at the country level;
6. Recommends that the United Nations Development Programme and other appropriate organizations of the United Nations system continue to support all co-ordinating activities for technical co-operation carried out by developing countries among themselves, particularly the biennial meetings of the heads of national technical co-operation organs, and to take appropriate follow-up action on the recommendations adopted at such meetings, relating to the support provided by the United Nations system for the promotion of technical co-operation among developing countries;
7. Requests all organizations of the United Nations development system to explore additional sources of finance for projects and activities for technical co-operation among developing countries, including those of an interregional and global nature, and to allocate an increasing proportion of their resources to activities and projects for technical co-operation among developing countries;
8. Reiterates the need to make full use of the potential of developing countries and, in this context, invites the organizations of the United Nations development system to strive more actively to use the equipment, services, experts and consultants available in the developing countries, in keeping with existing rules and regulations, and to continue to review their procurement practices and policies;
9. Requests the Secretary-General and calls upon all organizations of the United Nations development system to take the steps necessary, in keeping with existing rules and regulations, to increase their procurement of equipment and services from the developing countries by, inter alia, moving to obtain information about the procurement possibilities offered by those countries and by disseminating information about the procurement possibilities and practices of the United Nations system;

2/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 39 (A/42/39 and Corr.1), annex I.

10. Requests the United Nations Development Programme and the organisations of the United Nations development system to take the necessary measures to enable each developing country to have the choice of executing each project on technical co-operation totally or in part within the framework of technical co-operation among developing countries or according to the traditional method of technical assistance;

11. Recommends that the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme consider the allocation for technical co-operation among developing countries of at least 25 per cent of the regional, interregional and global indicative planning figures, and requests the Secretary-General to include in the report called for in paragraph 18 of the present resolution the suggestions of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on ways and means of achieving this goal;

12. Urges all organisations of the United Nations development system, in their relevant spheres of competence to participate actively in support of the implementation of decision 5/9 of 27 May 1987 of the High-level Committee;

13. Emphasises that technical co-operation among developing countries is a means of improving the integration of women in development, and requests the Secretary-General, in formulating his proposals on technical co-operation among developing countries for the next medium-term plan, clearly to specify measures to increase the participation of women in all aspects of technical co-operation among developing countries in the major programmes;

14. Requests the organizations of the United Nations development system to actively participate in the overall appraisal and assessment of the implementation of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action, to be carried out at the sixth session of the High-level Committee in 1989;

15. Requests the organizations of the United Nations development system to take the necessary action, in their particular fields of activity, to ensure the implementation of the decisions of the High-level Committee and of the present resolution;

16. Requests the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, at its thirty-fifth session, to give the necessary attention to the implementation of the resolutions and decisions of the High-level Committee, including decision 5/2 of 27 May 1987;

17. Requests the Secretary-General, in formulating his proposals for the next medium-term plan, to give the necessary priority to technical co-operation among developing countries;

18. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly, at its forty-fourth session, on the implementation of the present resolution.