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TRANSFER AND DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGY

Note by the Executive Secretary

During the seventh session of ECWA, the Iraqi delegation submitted a proposal concerning Arab co-operation in the transfer and development of technology, recommending that ECWA should support and assist national centres working in this field and that it should participate in the creation of such centres in those Arab countries lacking them. This could be accomplished through the preparation of an institutional model for the structures and activities of these national centres.

The Government of the Republic of Iraq, through note verbale No. 14/10/243 dated 20/6/1980 from its Embassy in Beirut, requested the ECWA secretariat to include the subject in the provisional agenda of the Commission's eighth session. To the note verbale was attached a proposal by the Foundation of Scientific Research in Iraq concerning the general framework and principles to be considered in the preparation of a detailed and integrated institutional model for these national centres.

In response, the ECWA secretariat has prepared a draft institutional model (E/ECWA/123) for consideration by the Commission.