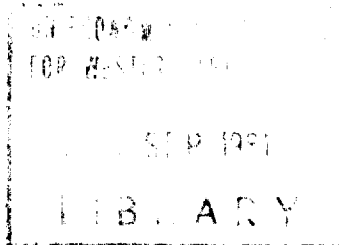




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1/1. Report on the progress made in implementing the tasks entrusted to the United Nations development system by the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries

The High-level Meeting,

Recalling recommendation 34 of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries a/ entrusting the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme with responsibility to prepare, in collaboration with other organizations of the United Nations development system, a progress report on the implementation of the Plan of Action and to make suggestions to expedite progress through new actions and initiatives,

Expressing its appreciation for the efforts undertaken by the United Nations development system and summarized in the progress report to implement the tasks entrusted to it by the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for promoting and supporting technical co-operation among developing countries,

Recognizing that certain actions in response to recommendations of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action require particular attention and effort on the part of Governments of developing countries, Governments of developed countries and organizations of the United Nations development system, to ensure the successful implementation of technical co-operation among developing countries on a wide scale,

1. Urges the organizations of the United Nations development system to give sufficient attention, using the country's own language as much as possible in the formulation and development of programmes designed to orient and train their staffs and those in developing countries concerned with national focal points and with technical co-operation, in the programming and implementation of activities of technical co-operation among developing countries;

2. Invites all Governments of developing countries which have not yet done so to establish national focal points or other appropriate mechanisms for technical co-operation among developing countries in keeping with recommendation 3 of the Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, a/ to promote technical co-operation among developing countries and to facilitate the co-ordination of technical co-operation among developing countries at the national level; to undertake long-term information and education programmes, including national workshops with the support of the United Nations development system, if necessary, for the purpose of breaking down attitudinal barriers to technical co-operation among developing countries and mobilizing public support for technical co-operation among developing countries as urged in recommendation 13 of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action, and in general to actively plan and implement projects of technical co-operation with other developing countries, with the support of the United Nations development system if necessary;

a/ 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.

3. Invites Governments of developing countries and, at their request, with the support of the organizations of the United Nations development system and other international specialized organizations and the Governments of developed countries to give special attention in keeping with recommendation 27 of the Plan of Action, to the potential of technical co-operation among developing countries in controlling the "brain drain" from developing countries and planning and encouraging patterns of voluntary migration among developing countries which are beneficial to their mutual human resources and over-all development requirements;

4. Invites Governments of developing countries to disseminate information on their special experiences in technical co-operation among developing countries and their needs and capacities, making optimum use of technical information systems at the national, regional and global levels; and to make available, with priority, to the Special Unit on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries of the United Nations Development Programme and other concerned United Nations bodies, noteworthy case studies, wherever they are considered appropriate, of bilateral and multilateral innovations in technical co-operation among developing countries, actions and modalities for appropriate dissemination and for incorporation in the progress report to be prepared for the next High-level Meeting;

5. Invites the Governments of developing countries and the organizations of the United Nations development system to give sufficient attention to the important role that can be played by voluntary agencies and the private sector in supporting government actions of technical co-operation among developing countries, as envisaged in recommendations 11 and 12 of the Plan of Action relating to professional and technical organizations;

6. Invites the Governments of developed countries to make available, on a voluntary basis, to the Special Unit on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries of the United Nations Development Programme information relating to their progress in implementing the relevant recommendations of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for dissemination and incorporation in the progress report to be prepared for the next High-level Meeting.

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1/2. Report on the state of transport and communications among developing countries

The High-level Meeting,

Recalling that recommendation 30 of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries endorsed by United Nations General Assembly resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978, stated that the strengthening of transport and communications among developing countries is a necessary condition for technical co-operation among developing countries to become an important element in the development process,

Convinced of the importance of technical co-operation among developing countries as an effective instrument in developing and strengthening transport and communications in the developing countries, taking particularly into account the least developed countries, land-locked and island countries,

Convinced of the need to mobilize the human, financial, organizational and technological resources of developing countries, with the support of the developed countries and international organizations if requested, for effective co-operation in the development and improvement of transport and communications among developing countries,

Welcoming the efforts already being made in the various developing regions to strengthen transport and communications on a subregional, regional and interregional basis, including the global strategy and Plan of Action adopted by the African Ministers of Transport in May 1979 within the framework of the United Nations Transport and Communications Decade for Africa (1978-1988), the Master Plan Study completed by the Economic Commission for Western Asia for the development of an integrated transport system for Western Asia, and the institutional arrangements being developed under the auspices of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for systematic collaborative consultation on communications development activities, needs and plans as well as the code of conduct for Liner Conferences,

1. Takes note of the report on the state of transport and communications among developing countries: b/

2. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to transmit the report, together with the views expressed during the debate thereon, to the executive heads of the United Nations regional commissions, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization, the International Telecommunication Union, the Universal Postal Union, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other relevant organizations of the United Nations development system for submission to their respective intergovernmental bodies for consideration and action as appropriate and to report thereon to the second High-level Meeting on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries;

3. Invites developing countries to co-operate in strengthening and developing their transport and communications linkages, and more specifically to identify transport and communications capacities and needs, organize joint training in research, and exchange export and consultancy services;

4. Urges the organizations in the United Nations development system to implement recommendation 32 of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action and calls upon them to mobilize their efforts on a continuing and intensive basis both in their respective fields of competence and in multidisciplinary joint action to increase significantly the development of projects and activities of technical co-operation among developing countries;

5. Urges the United Nations Development Programme to take further steps to give the necessary orientation to its activities, programmes and projects in order to utilize to the maximum extent possible and where appropriate inputs of technical co-operation among developing countries in current projects in the field of transport and communications, and to provide timely and appropriate assistance for the identification of needs and capacities in the developing world for the establishment of additional links of co-operation;

b/ TCDC/5, vols. I and II.

6. Requests the United Nations Development Programme to take special account of the needs identified in the programmes of the Transport and Communications Decade in Africa and to prepare, before the High-level Meeting scheduled for 1981, a paper concerning possibilities of interregional activities in technical co-operation among developing countries in support of the objectives of the Decade;

7. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to include in his progress report to the next High-level Meeting an account of progress in technical co-operation among developing countries activities in the field of transport and communications;

8. Recommends that in the above context, specific and practical efforts should be taken to improve and strengthen the transport and communications infrastructures in the least developed, land-locked, island developing and more seriously affected countries as appropriate to their needs and requirements, in order to improve, strengthen and facilitate their transport and communications system;

9. Urges the international community, the United Nations development system, and the financial and other institutions to respond favourably to the requests of developing countries for improving their subregional, regional and interregional transport and communications system.

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1/3. Building knowledge through technical co-operation among developing countries: participation of women in development

The High-level Meeting.

Recalling the decision of the World Conference of the International Women's Year, c/ held at Mexico City in 1975, as well as the report of the Conference of Non-Aligned and Other Developing Countries on the Role of Women in Development, d/ held at Baghdad in 1979,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report submitted by the Association of African Women for Research and Development;

2. Reaffirms the importance of the role of women in the process of economic and social development;

3. Calls upon the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to continue to give support to similar associations and intergovernmental organizations in the developing countries to prepare action-oriented studies and reports related to their experience in the participation of women in development;

4. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme

c/ See United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.1.

d/ A/34/321, annex.

to transmit this report to the United Nations Conference on the Decade for Women which will be held at Copenhagen from 14 to 31 July 1980.

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2 June 1980

1/4. Establishing and strengthening national research and training centres with multinational scope

The High-level Meeting,

Recalling the Buenos Aires Plan of Action endorsed by General Assembly resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978,

Reiterating full support to activities for technical co-operation among developing countries and to the implementation of the recommendations of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action,

Conscious of the importance of the technical co-operation among developing countries projects and programmes for the attainment of collective self-reliance among developing countries,

Aware of the advantages of technical co-operation among developing countries and of its innovative and shared character in the exchange of experience,

Conscious of the experience gained by developing countries in the last several years in implementing projects and programmes for technical co-operation among developing countries,

Aware of the undertakings given by developed countries to contribute actively to the promotion of technical co-operation among developing countries,

Aware also of the important role of the organizations of the United Nations development system in technical co-operation among developing countries,

Convinced of the importance of the national research and training centres with multinational scope as one of the more specific means of enhancing technical co-operation among developing countries, as expressed in recommendations 6 and 22 of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action and in resolution 2 adopted at the Conference,

Bearing in mind the importance of the role to be played by such centres in technical co-operation among developing countries which has been recognized in different international fora and by the General Assembly in its resolution 33/134 and by the Fourth Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 held in Arusha in February 1979,

1. Recommends the successful implementation and expansion of activities in technical co-operation among developing countries in developing countries and in particular in the least developed countries, through the strengthening of all national centres with a capacity to participate in such activities;

2. Requests the Governments of the developing countries to ascertain, before the next High-level Meeting on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries,

which national centres should be regarded as having a capacity to undertake activities in technical co-operation among developing countries with multinational scope and, in turn, to inform other Governments of the objectives, structures, experience, financing and human capacity of those centres.

3. Requests those Governments also to identify new centres which have a potential for participation in international co-operation activities, including participation as a means of strengthening their own structures through technical co-operation among developing countries;

4. Requests the strengthening of such centres at the subregional, regional and interregional levels with the full mutual support of developing countries;

5. Requests the organizations of the United Nations development system, the international financial institutions and developed countries to give necessary support to the strengthening of the activities of such centres;

6. Requests the United Nations Development Programme and all organizations of the United Nations development system to provide, upon request, the necessary support for the compilation and dissemination of the information arising from compliance by developing countries with the recommendations contained in paragraphs 2 and 3 above, using to the maximum extent their existing capacities and capabilities, including the Information Referral System;

7. Also requests intergovernmental organizations at the subregional, regional and interregional levels to provide appropriate support for this purpose;

8. Requests the United Nations Development Programme, in co-operation with competent international organizations and Governments of developing countries, to promote and strengthen scientific and technological research in development through these centres.

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1/5. Urbanization and poverty: sharing of experience among developing countries

The High-level Meeting,

Recalling recommendation 24 of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries in which a request was made that the developing countries should share their experiences relating to the improvement of the living conditions of their peoples,

Recalling also the recommendations of the Vancouver Declaration on Human Settlements, e/

Taking note of the report on urbanization and poverty f/ and appreciating that,

e/ See Report of Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.76.IV.7 and Corrigendum), chap. I.

f/ TCDC/7.

for the purpose of identifying opportunities for activities in technical co-operation among developing countries, this document is concerned with only a limited aspect of the over-all problems of rural and urban communities in developing countries,

1. Recommends that future studies should be formulated in such a way as to offer a useful basis for the planning and designing of operational activities for developing countries;

2. Calls upon the Governments of developing countries, as an integral part of activities in technical co-operation among developing countries to share their accumulated experiences in planning and dealing with the enormous problems facing rural and urban communities, including the problem of migration of rural population to cities;

3. Calls upon the organizations of the United Nations development system and other sources of international technical co-operation, and on the Governments of developed countries to provide, if so requested, the financial and technical support necessary to facilitate and promote the initiatives which can be taken by developing countries to solve their common problems;

4. Recommends that the organizations of the United Nations development system and other international agencies for technical co-operation may take up studies on a subregional, regional and interregional basis at the request of and in consultation with the countries concerned and in keeping with the modalities for technical co-operation among developing countries.

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1/6. Enhancing the capacities of developing countries
for technical co-operation

The High-level Meeting,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3461 (XXX) of 11 December 1975, 31/179 of 21 December 1976, 32/182 of 19 December 1977 and 33/134 of 19 December 1978,

Bearing in mind the decision on the study on rules, regulations, procedures and practices of the United Nations development system in recruiting experts, subcontracting, procuring equipment and providing fellowships, adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its twenty-fourth session, g/

Recalling further the recommendations of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries,

1. Takes note of the report on enhancing the capacities of developing

g/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 3A (E/6013/Rev.1), para. 525.

countries for technical co-operation, h/ pursuant to the decision of the Governing Council at its twenty-fourth session and recommendations 31 through 36 of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries;

2. Takes note of the introductory statement made by the Deputy Administrator and of the observations and suggestions made during the consideration of the item;

3. Reaffirms that the use and enhancement of the capacities of developing countries for technical co-operation constitute an important means of strengthening technical co-operation, in general, and technical co-operation among developing countries, in particular;

4. Considers that all appropriate measures designed to use and enhance the capacities of developing countries for technical co-operation should be taken by the Governments of developing and developed countries, development banks and funds, and the United Nations development system;

5. Invites the Governments of developing countries:

(a) To establish, or strengthen, as the case may be, their national recruitment services for providing expertise in technical co-operation programmes; exchange among themselves their national rosters of candidates available for technical co-operation assignments; exchange similar information to the extent possible, relating to capacities with experience for consultancy and subcontracting services, training and equipment supply;

(b) To use in the programming and implementation of projects, mindful of the importance of inputs, a result-oriented approach that takes into consideration the range of options available for achieving a specific objective;

(c) To give stronger emphasis in the design and implementation of their development plans on technical co-operation among developing countries as an instrument for intercountry co-operation in those areas where capabilities and experience offer mutual advantages and complementarities;

(d) To establish or strengthen, as the case may be, their national focal points or co-ordinating mechanisms for technical co-operation among developing countries in order to effectively implement the above-mentioned recommendations and play a key role in orchestrating the action-oriented approach to projects as well as the promotional and informational activities advocated in the Buenos Aires Plan of Action.

6. Invites the Governments of developed countries to implement, to the extent they have not done so, recommendation 35 (c), (d) and (e) of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action;

7. Invites the development banks and funds to include, subject to their constitutional procedures, the use of capacities and supplies of developing countries to a greater extent in their projects involving developing countries;

8. Requests the organizations of the United Nations development system, especially the United Nations Development Programme, to:

(a) Ensure an efficient flow of information on technical co-operation among developing countries needs, capacities and opportunities to Governments and institutions of developing countries in order to place them in a position, in the context of their operational purposes, to make choices on appropriate projects and their inputs;

(b) Facilitate consideration of opportunities for technical co-operation among developing countries becoming an integral part of the preparation of the country programmes as well as of project formulation, implementation and evaluation;

(c) Play a catalytic, supportive and innovative role in the promotion of technical co-operation among developing countries in the wider sense, as an instrument for intercountry co-operation;

(d) Ensure that their focal points for technical co-operation among developing countries are strong and active to promote all the recommendations of this resolution; the resident representatives and field representatives of agencies should be enabled to play an important role in implementing the recommendations and especially in assisting Governments, at their request, in the establishment and functioning of their own focal points for technical co-operation among developing countries;

(e) Make efforts to identify, wherever possible, and notify developing countries opportunities for the use of experts, consultants, training facilities and subcontracting services from developing countries in projects financed by the United Nations development system;

(f) Strengthen the Interagency Procurement Services Unit to enable it to expand its work of conducting surveys in developing countries on the basis of equipment lists established by the agencies for the purpose of identifying suppliers in developing countries; complete by the end of 1981 surveys in all developing countries considered potential suppliers of equipment for projects; bearing in mind the importance of its functions in the establishment of an early warning system for the purchase of supplies;

(g) Assist, on request, in identifying and promoting joint ventures among developing countries;

(h) Adopt a "systems approach" of creating networks of complementary training programmes involving the identification, evaluation, and, where needed, strengthening of national institutions in developing countries by subregions, regions and globally, and making arrangements for co-operative agreements under which each institution or programme is committed to provide training in an agreed field or speciality;

9. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to take the necessary steps to evaluate and assess the functioning of the Information Referral System in terms of recommendation 26 of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action and in the light of such evaluation to recommend to the High-level Meeting in 1981 and the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme the

further steps which may need to be taken to improve, develop and expand the Information Referral System and other related systems as agreed to in the Buenos Aires Plan of Action.

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1/7. Financial resources and arrangements for technical co-operation among developing countries

The High-level Meeting,

Recalling recommendation 38 of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, as endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) on Declarations on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order and 3202 (S-VI) on the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order of 1 May 1974,

Recalling further the final report of the Working Group on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries endorsed by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its eighteenth session i/ and by the General Assembly in its resolution 3251 (XXIX) of 4 December 1974,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on financial resources and arrangements, i/ as well as of the observations and suggestions made during the consideration of the item;

2. Considers that adequate financial resources and arrangements for technical co-operation among developing countries constitute an important means of strengthening technical co-operation among developing countries;

3. Considers further that all appropriate measures as agreed upon in the Buenos Aires Plan of Action designed to create adequate financial resources and arrangements for technical co-operation among developing countries should be taken by the Governments of developing and developed countries, development banks and funds, and the United Nations development system;

4. Recommends that the Governments of developing countries consider:

(a) Making allocations for technical co-operation among developing countries through mechanisms appropriate to each country, including the possibility of earmarking a percentage of their United Nations Development Programme country indicative planning figures for activities relating to technical co-operation among developing countries - subject to such conditions as may be approved by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme - and thereby providing the flexibility that may be needed to respond to opportunities for technical co-operation among developing countries as they arise;

i/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 2A (E/5543/Rev.1) para. 224.

i/ TCDC/8.

(b) Studying the possibility of mobilizing financial and other resources available from such organizations as private enterprises, joint ventures and professional associations which fall outside the national budget;

5. Invites the Governments of developed countries to:

(a) Provide, without prejudice to existing programmes, additional financial support for projects and activities for technical co-operation among developing countries, for example, through third country financing arrangements, and through increased contributions to different national, subregional, regional, interregional and international organizations, including the United Nations Development Programme;

(b) Use, to a greater extent, part of their development aid in general or of allocations to specific countries or groups of countries for financing technical co-operation among developing countries at the request of these countries;

6. Invites the development banks and funds, subject to their constitutional procedures, to:

(a) Supplement national efforts and give greater attention to intercountry projects using modalities for technical co-operation among developing countries;

(b) Utilize the capacities of developing countries to a greater extent in the projects financed by them;

7. Urges the governing bodies of the organizations of the United Nations development system to utilize the funds of their regular budgets, wherever such funds are available for use for technical co-operation programmes, as well as their extrabudgetary funds to a greater extent for activities for technical co-operation among developing countries;

8. Requests the Governing Council of United Nations Development Programme at its twenty-seventh session to:

(a) Review the possibility of an increase in funding from global, interregional and regional programmes as well as from the Programme Reserve, so as to enhance the financing of projects using modalities for technical co-operation among developing countries;

(b) Facilitate by appropriate decisions the flexible use of country indicative planning figures for technical co-operation among developing countries, establishing the necessary procedures on the basis, inter alia, of the following principles:

(i) Bearing in mind that the financing of activities for technical co-operation among developing countries is the primary responsibility of the developing countries themselves, the country indicative planning figures should be considered as a catalyst and a supplementary contribution only;

(ii) The indicative planning figure of a country can be used for financing its own inputs in projects for technical co-operation among developing countries or for inputs of other developing countries;

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- (iii) The reimbursement of local currency costs from the indicative planning figure of one country for the financing of technical co-operation among developing countries components in technical co-operation projects undertaken in another country, shall be restricted to those projects which have been notified to the Administrator as at the beginning of this High-level Meeting;
- (iv) Procedures of the United Nations Development Programme related to approval of its assisted projects, compensation, hiring of national experts, procurement of equipment and services, subcontracting and related matters should be used; and in this connexion, the Administrator is requested to expedite the preparation of the modifications in the policies, rules and procedures of the Programme in accordance with recommendation 34 (paragraph 59 (g)) of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action to accommodate and encourage initiatives in technical co-operation among developing countries;
- (c) Consider all aspects of the question of the reimbursement from indicative planning figures of local currency costs drawing on such expert advice and comprehensive data and information as it considers appropriate;
- (d) Agree that the proposals by the Administrator for the modification of policies, rules and procedures of the Programme shall be submitted to the next High-level Meeting and subsequently to the Governing Council;

9. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, through its Special Unit for Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, to collect and disseminate information on all potential sources for financing technical co-operation among developing countries and provide advice for the effective implementation of the appropriate foregoing recommendations of this decision.

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1/8. Work programme for the 1981 High-level Meeting

The High-level Meeting,

Having considered the need to expand activities for technical co-operation among developing countries through new policies, creative and innovative approaches,

1. Decides that the next High-level Meeting in 1981 should give attention, inter alia, to the following subjects, taking into account the reports to be prepared by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme in co-operation with concerned bodies of the United Nations development system and the regional economic commissions on the following matters:

(a) Identification of economic potentials which could be developed through joint ventures between developing countries through technical co-operation among developing countries;

(b) Description, enumeration and operation of existing and possible structures and mechanisms within the United Nations development system including the regional

economic commissions and how they co-operate among themselves for the promotion of activities for technical co-operation among developing countries;

2. Requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to include in his next progress report on the implementation of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action information on the following:

(a) Compilation and dissemination of data between developed and developing countries, international organizations and intergovernmental organizations on the existing procedures and available resources which enable the return of qualified personnel to their countries of origin;

(b) Preparation, in consultation with the regional economic commissions, and taking into account the views of Governments of developing countries, of a methodology for promoting joint research and development programmes through technical co-operation among developing countries among national centres with multinational scope having the capacity for co-operation on a subregional, regional and interregional level;

(c) Provision of support for technical training of personnel of developing countries through developing and strengthening the linkages between training institutes, organizations and enterprises;

3. Further requests the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, for the next High-level Meeting, in co-operation with the competent United Nations organizations:

(a) To undertake appropriate studies on the role and potential of technical co-operation among developing countries in such areas as:

- (i) Rural and industrial development;
- (ii) The increase in agricultural production;
- (iii) The establishment of adequate infrastructure in order to avoid emigration from rural areas;
- (iv) Hydrological research, and the conservation and rational use of water, in order to combat desertification and improve the use of arid and semi-arid lands;
- (v) The exchange of scientific and technological information in these and other fields;

(b) Consider ways and means of setting up a system of research programmes in science and technology at the national, subregional, regional and interregional levels, and thus to promote the exchange of information, experience and know-how in order to facilitate technical co-operation among developing countries;

4. Recommends that the General Assembly at its thirty-fifth session should rename this Meeting as the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries.

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