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Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operationReport of the Secretary-General

1. In its resolution 36/174 of 17 December 1981, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in collaboration with the Secretary-General of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation, "to examine proposals by the Agency aimed at reinforcing co-operation with the United Nations and to submit a report thereon through the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session". The General Assembly also recalled that it had granted observer status to the Agency by resolution 33/18 of 10 November 1978 and that the Agency had been designated by Economic and Social Council decision 190 (LXI) of 5 August 1976, to participate on an ad hoc basis in the deliberations of the Council on questions within the scope of the Agency's activities.
2. On the basis of proposals put forward by the Agency and of ensuing consultations, the following areas are being considered for potential co-operation between the two organizations:
 - (a) New and renewable sources of energy, including fuel wood and hydroelectric power;
 - (b) Environmental protection, including desertification;
 - (c) Science and technology for development;
 - (d) Joint training programmes on the following subjects:
 - (i) Evaluation of technical assistance programmes;

- (ii) The new international economic order;
- (iii) Technical co-operation among developing countries;
- (iv) Development administration;
- (e) Recruitment for technical assistance personnel;
- (f) Co-operation at the regional and subregional levels;
- (g) Exchange of information and publications;
- (h) Co-operation with the United Nations Development Programme.

3. It is intended that further substantive consultations will be held regarding the co-operation that can be developed between the United Nations and the Agency with regard to specific activities in connexion with the subjects listed in paragraph 2 above. Consultations will also be held with a view to developing mutually useful collaboration regarding activities envisaged within the medium-term plan. In addition, it may be mentioned that the Agency has participated in the meeting of the Interim Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy, held in Rome from 7 to 18 June 1982, and has assisted representatives from French-speaking countries to attend that meeting.
