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Bangladesh, Chad, China, Egypt, Mauritania, Pakistan,
Philippines, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey and Yugoslavia:
draft resolution

Strengthening and improving intergovernmental programming exercises
for technical co-operation among developing countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing
Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries, 1/

Recognizing the role and importance of technical co-operation among developing
countries in their social and economic development and in the reinforcement and
final achievement of the individual and collective self-reliance of developing
countries,

Taking note with satisfaction of the results of the intergovernmental
programming exercises for technical co-operation among developing countries in
recent years,

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.

Emphasizing that the intergovernmental programming exercises should be guided by the principle of equality and mutual benefit among participating developing countries, while laying stress on practical results,

Recalling recommendations 35 and 36 of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action, in which, inter alia, Governments of developed countries were invited to give full support to technical co-operation among developing countries,

Recognizing the importance of the continued involvement of developed countries in supporting and financing, where appropriate, projects resulting from the intergovernmental programming exercises for technical co-operation among developing countries,

Recalling also the particular responsibility of the United Nations Development Programme for catalysing and promoting technical co-operation among developing countries throughout the United Nations system,

Reaffirming the importance of the catalytic and supporting role of the United Nations development system in promoting technical co-operation among developing countries and the necessity of enhancing its activities in this field,

Considering that the support and involvement of international and interregional financing institutions would further enhance the promotion and implementation of activities for technical co-operation among developing countries,

Considering also the need for the further strengthening and improving of intergovernmental programming exercises for technical co-operation among developing countries to meet the growing requirements of developing countries in their socio-economic development,

1. Endorses the decisions adopted by the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries at its fifth session 2/ and of Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/88 of 9 July 1987;

2. Recognizes that intergovernmental programming exercises constitute a useful and effective modality for further promoting technical co-operation among developing countries and that the further strengthening and improving of such exercises requires an adequate evaluation of the execution of the agreed projects and activities;

3. Recognizes also that intergovernmental programming exercises for technical co-operation among developing countries should continue to be closely linked with national priorities and planning for national development objectives;

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

4. Requests that regional, interregional and global intergovernmental programming exercises, sectoral and/or comprehensive, for technical co-operation among developing countries continue to be held in accordance with the expressed needs of the developing countries and that an adequate evaluation of these exercises be made;

5. Recommends that the projects resulting from these exercises be incorporated, whenever possible or appropriate, in the country, regional, interregional and global programmes of the United Nations Development Programme;

6. Takes into consideration the need for the potential and capacity for technical co-operation among developing countries to be better integrated in the operational activities for development of the United Nations system within the framework of country programming;

7. Encourages developing countries to support and participate in intergovernmental programming exercises for technical co-operation among developing countries and to take appropriate follow-up action in accordance with their own capacities and requirements;

8. Emphasizes the importance of the catalytic and promotional role of the United Nations Development Programme in these exercises and its role in the execution of projects resulting therefrom;

9. Urges all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to support actively within their respective fields of competence the implementation of the recommendations of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries and to finance project activities resulting from intergovernmental programming exercises;

10. Encourages and calls upon the international and regional financing institutions to join in the efforts of the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to assist developing countries in their activities for technical co-operation among developing countries;

11. Invites developed countries to continue to provide support and financing for projects and activities resulting from these exercises;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session.
