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## THE FINANCING OF TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE AGENCY'S TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION FUND

Resolution adopted on 22 September 2000 during the tenth plenary meeting

The General Conference,

- (a) Recalling resolution GC(V)/RES/100 as amended by resolution GC(XV)/RES/286,
- (b) Recalling resolution GC(44)/RES/6 on the "Technical Co-operation Fund allocation for 2001", in which it - inter alia - decided that for 2001 the target for voluntary contributions to the Technical Co-operation Fund (TCF) shall be \$ 73 million and urged all Member States to make voluntary contributions for 2001 in accordance with Article XIV.F of the Statute, with paragraph 2 of its resolution GC(V)/RES/100 as amended by resolution GC(XV)/RES/286 or with paragraph 3 of the former resolution, as appropriate,
- (c) Recalling resolutions GC(42)/RES/15 and GC(43)/RES/14 on "Strengthening of the Agency's technical co-operation activities", in which it - inter alia - urged all Member States "to make every effort to pay in full and on time their contributions to the Technical Co-operation Fund" and stressed "the need to strengthen technical co-operation activities, including the provision of sufficient resources, and to continually enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the programmes",
- (d) Conscious of the importance of making the Agency's financial and human resources for technical co-operation activities assured, predictable and sufficient,
- (e) Concerned that in recent years there has been a substantial gap between the target figures for contributions to the TCF and the level of resources actually paid into the TCF by Member States,
- (f) Further concerned that some Member States have not been making contributions to the TCF each year in amounts that are at least the same percentages of the TCF target for the year as are their respective base rates of assessment, and

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(g) Recognizing the need to facilitate the efforts of those Member States to contribute their full TCF target shares,

1. Decides that for 2002 the target for contributions to the TCF shall be kept at the level established for 2001 and that the Indicative Planning Figures for 2003 and 2004 shall be higher than the TCF targets for 2001 and 2002 and no less than \$ 74.10 million;

2. Establishes, with effect from 2001, a mechanism designed to stimulate the flow of resources into the TCF during the period 2001-2004 and based on an indicator which shall be called the "Rate of Attainment" and will be calculated as follows:

$$\text{"Rate of Attainment"} = \frac{\text{total payments into TCF}}{\text{TCF target}}$$

3. Decides that the minimum "Rate of Attainment" shall be set at the following percentages of the TCF target: 80% for 2001, 85% for 2002 and 90% for 2003;

4. Expresses its appreciation to those Member States which have been contributing in full to the TCF, and acknowledges the efforts of those Member States which have been contributing to the TCF amounts greater than those corresponding to the "Rate of Attainment";

5. Urges all Member States to make every effort to pay in full and on time their voluntary contributions to the Technical Co-operation Fund and reminds Member States of their obligation to pay their Assessed Programme Costs;

6. Strongly urges Member States, and especially the developed countries among them, to pledge and contribute to the TCF for 2001, 2002 and 2003 at least amounts proportionally corresponding to the "Rate of Attainment" for each of those years, with a view to attaining as soon as possible a 100% share of the target;

7. Requests the Secretariat to report on the implementation of this mechanism as part of its annual technical co-operation report; and

8. Requests the Board of Governors to review the functioning of this mechanism in 2003, or earlier if a 90% "Rate of Attainment" is achieved before that date, and at that time, and if not achieved, also to consider increasing the TCF target and to examine all possibilities with a view to ensuring that the resources of the TCF are assured, predictable and sufficient.