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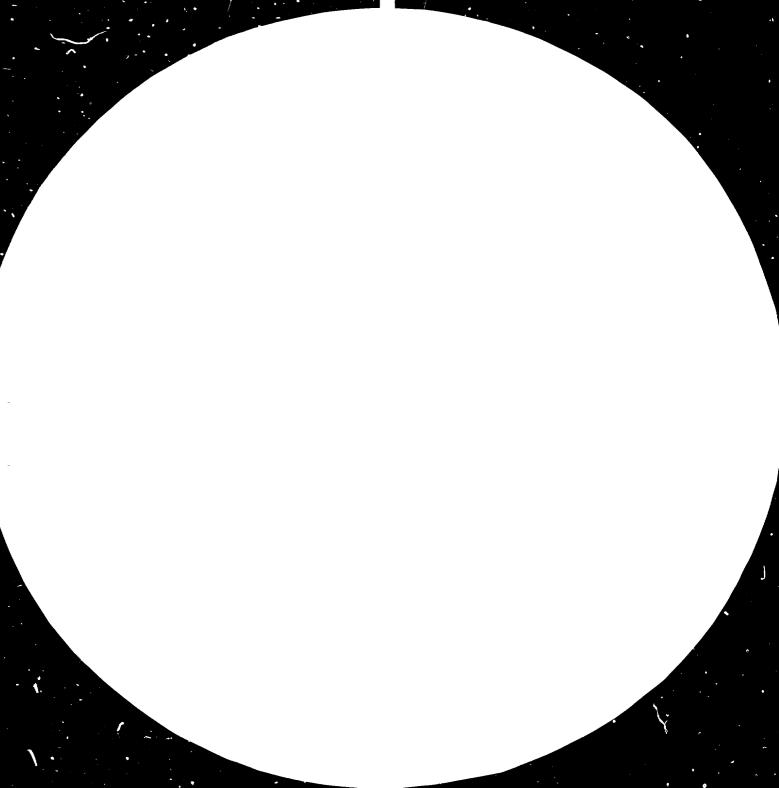
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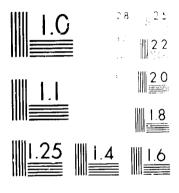
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FINANCING OF TIES (TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION EXCHANGE SYSTEM)

Progress Report by UNIDO Secretariat

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INTRODUCTION AND REVIEW OF THE ACTIONS TAKEN SINCE BUENOS AIRES MEETING.

The major issue related to continuous development of TIES system remains the possibility of securing of its financing for a longer period of time. This issue has been for the first time discussed at IVth meeting of Heads held in October 1979¹⁾ in - Lisbon, and then, at last year meeting in Buenos Aires which - recommended that²⁾: "The Secretariat of UNIDO who reported on the current financial situation of the programme, should increase efforts by both UNIDO and the registries to secure financial - means for carrying out the programme in following years. The participants were of the very strong view that financial - difficulties should not constitute an obstacle to the programme, which was considered essential and most successful. They offered a number of suggestions, including cost-sharing schemes and greater use of UNDP resources".

Following the Buenos Aires meeting recommendations, the Secretariat of UNIDO undertook immediately action which was directed towards (i) securing 50.000 \$ per participating country from IPF to finance TIES activities and (ii) securing in one interregional project ca. 630.000 \$ 3) for central financing of TIES activities.

While attempts to secure individual IPF allotments failed so far in respective individual countries, the following TIES participants endorsed oficially the interregional project INT/81/027:

Cameroon, Portugal, Egypt, P.R.C., Colombia, Indonesia, Jamaica, Argentina. Philippines and Republic of Korea. The recently - concluded XVth COIME meeting, endorsed above project on behalf of all ASEAN countries, that is, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, - Philippines and Singapore.

UNIDO Secretariat expects, by the end of the year, to receive from all present TIES member countries, official endorsement of this proposal with corresponding submission of requests by individual

¹⁾ See Report from Lisbon Meeting: ID/W6.310/2

²⁾ See Report from Buenos Aires Meeting: ID/W6. 325/11

³⁾ Project Proposal: INT/81/027 - attached as annex 1

countries to the Governing Council.

Initial contacts made by UNIDO Secretariat with UNDP indicated preliminary interest in the project. However, the most recent letter from UNDP mentions its inability to finance the project on the ground that, "There are no funds available in 1983-1984, and that the project conflicts with a similarily worded request from UNCTAD to the IFSTD. Also the representative of UNDP was interested in the meeting but could not come.

It may however be noted in this connexion that UNIDO proposal was endorsed by 13 countries. Also the High-Level Conference on Economic Cooperation among Developing Countries, held in Caracas, Venezuela, 13-17 May, 1981, has specifically called for action as follows:

"- The TIES system under the auspices of UNIDO, should be strengthened and enlarged to include other developing - countries: The existing association of national technology registries in developing countries should be encouraged: A bulletin containing information on technology surveys and - research, technology transfer contracts and laws and available technologies, should be published.

SUGGESTION AS TO ACTION TO BE TAKEN

It may be necessary to contact the UNDP Secretariat once again with a request to reconsider the project.

As indicated in the project proposal, financing of TIES activities will cover the following main areas:

- (a) Direct assistance among technology registries in developing countries
- (b) Organization of working visits, study tours, exchange of information among TIES member countries.
- (c) Preliminary assistance for new TIES members.

- (d) Preliminary assistance in establishing technology registries where desired.
- (e) Organization of training programmes for staff of technology registries.
- (f) Financing where needed of participation at annual TIES meetings.
- (g) Publication of research and technical material beyond TIES Newsletter.

In connection with the above, we urge all countries to - undertake the following actions:

- (i) To submit via their representatives strong support and endorsement of project INT/81/027 at the Governing Council of UNDP
- (ii) To reconsider again feasibilities and possibilities of securing from national IPF's modest amounts of ca. -50 - 60,000 \$ for the period 1982 - 1986 to support activities of technology registries within TIES system.

