

8. The ministers noted with satisfaction the conclusions of the first annual review of the aid policies of the members of the Development Assistance Committee.

They recognized the need for further concerted action to increase the volume and effectiveness of aid to developing countries and to relate it more closely to the development efforts of the benefiting countries themselves.

Aid programmes should be a well-established part of the policy of every developed member country.

The ministers noted with satisfaction the decision taken on the establishment of a Development Centre, the work of which will have to be prepared by the Organization.

9. In the field of trade important tasks lie ahead. If the less-developed countries are to achieve a substantial improvement in their standards of living, efforts in the field of aid must be supplemented by policies designed to increase their foreign-exchange earnings and provide expanding markets for their products, including manufactured articles. To this end, ministers have recommended that member countries, in the framework of the Organization, should work towards policies which take full account of the interdependence of trade and aid.

In the light of the development of the negotiations on the enlargement of the EEC and of the perspectives opened by the United States Trade Expansion Act, the Organization will have to consider how it could best contribute to the expansion of world trade on a multilateral and non-discriminatory basis, as provided for in the Convention.

10. Substantial adaptations in the fields of agriculture, industry and manpower will be necessary to facilitate economic growth and the expansion of trade. In view of its general competence in economic matters, the OECD can usefully help member countries to co-operate in this task.

The ministers noted the statement published by the OECD ministers of agriculture. Their work will strengthen co-operation through the OECD in the fields of agricultural policy, international agricultural trade and food aid to the less-developed countries.

11. Recognizing the increasing importance of science and technology in their many relations with economic life, the ministers noted the work undertaken by the Organization in this field pursuant to the Convention. They instructed the Organization to prepare a ministerial-level meeting on co-operation with regard to scientific policy and research, to be called within the next year.