

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, the 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 negotiations on the enlargement of EEC and of the perspectives opened by U.S.A. 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 cooperate in this task. The Ministers noted the statement published by the OECD Ministers of Agriculture. Their work will strengthen cooperation 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