

for future years and an outlook for copper production, consumption and trade for the following calendar year, for the purpose of assisting members in their individual assessments of the evolution of the international copper economy.

(b) The Group shall prepare a report incorporating the results of the annual assessment and distribute it to members. If the Group deems it appropriate, this report, as well as other reports and studies distributed to members, may be made available to other interested parties in accordance with the rules of procedure.

#### Market development

18. (a) The Group shall hold discussions among members and between members and third parties, such as copper research and market development organizations, on ways and means of increasing the demand and developing the market for copper. Within this framework the studies done by the Group in support of market development will be disseminated to copper development organizations for their use in preparing market development project proposals to be submitted to the Group for consideration. Execution of these projects will be undertaken by market development organizations. The Group may select and sponsor projects to be financed by the Common Fund through its Second Account.

(b) The Group shall offer to facilitate co-ordination between market development organizations and support the extension of market development activities.

#### Studies

19. (a) The Group shall undertake or make appropriate arrangements to undertake ad hoc studies related to the international copper economy as may be agreed by the Group.

(b) The studies may contain general recommendations or suggestions to the Group but such recommendations or suggestions shall not derogate from the right of every member to manage all aspects of its domestic copper economy and shall be without prejudice to the competence of other international organizations in matters falling within their jurisdiction.

#### Obligations of members

20. Members shall use their best endeavours to co-operate and to promote the attainment of the objective of the Group, in particular by providing the data referred to in paragraph 16 (a).

#### Amendment

21. These terms of reference may be amended only by consensus of the Group.

#### Entry into force

22. (a) These terms of reference shall enter into force definitively when States together accounting for at least 80 per cent of trade in copper, as set out in the annex to these terms of reference, have notified the