THIRTEENTH ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Other financial questions

(d) Financial arrangements for on-the-spot reviews of technical cooperation projects by members of the Governing Body

1. At its present session (November 2002), the Governing Body will have before it a proposal by its Committee on Technical Cooperation to approve an “on-the-spot” review of technical cooperation field activities in each year of a biennium. The on-the-spot reviews will be undertaken in conjunction with regional meetings in order to minimize costs, and linked to thematic evaluations undertaken for the Committee on Technical Cooperation. A tripartite group of three members of the Governing Body from the region in which the review is to be conducted would be constituted to carry out the review in the region concerned. Only one review will be possible in 2002-03 linked to a regional meeting in 2003.

2. The Programme and Budget for 2002-03 does not include provision for such a review and, should the Governing Body decide that it should take place, financial arrangements will have to be made.

3. On the basis of experience gained in a similar review held in 2000-01, it is estimated that the cost of the 2003 review would be some US$15,000. However this would depend on the location of the project to be reviewed. These costs would be financed by savings under Part I of the Programme and Budget.

4. The Committee may wish to recommend to the Governing Body that, should it approve the proposal by the Committee on Technical Cooperation, the cost of the review in the 2002-03 biennium, estimated at some US$15,000, be financed from savings in Part I of the Programme and Budget for 2002-03.


Point for decision:  Paragraph 4.