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AND INTEGRATED RESPONSES BY IMF, ITC, UNCTAD,
UNDP, WORLD BANK AND WTO¹

DJIBOUTI

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| In reply to question A(k): <u>Technical assistance to comply with the WTO Agreements</u> | | |
| Technical assistance to familiarize government institutions and the private sector with the WTO Agreements. | WTO | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In 1998, WTO will organize a national seminar in Djibouti on the multilateral trading system, mainly for the benefit of the ministries concerned with questions relating to trade policy. - Specialized regional seminars will be organized for the benefit of the French-speaking least developed countries (1998 and 1999). |
| | UNCTAD/ UNDP | The RAB/96/001 Regional Programme will supply assistance to the Government of Djibouti to address <u>part of its needs</u> in this area. Additional financing is required. |
| Technical assistance to assess the impact of these Agreements on the economy of Djibouti. | World Bank | The effects of the submissions to GATS could be established in the framework of the programme on privatization of public enterprises, a component of PATARE (technical assistance project for economic reform). |
| | UNCTAD/ UNDP | The RAB/96/001 Regional Programme will supply assistance to the Government of Djibouti to address <u>part of its needs</u> in this area. Additional financing is required. |
| Technical assistance to train officials of the Ministry of Trade and of other government and government-related agencies in the formulation, implementation and monitoring of a trade policy specific to our country, with due regard for its advantages and weaknesses. | World Bank | A part of PATARE (technical assistance project for economic reform) should involve senior officials of the Ministry of Trade. |
| | WTO | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A three-week trade policy course will be organized in 1998 and 1999 for the French-speaking least developed countries, including Djibouti. - Technical assistance will be supplied on the development and implementation of the WTO Agreements. See A(l) below. |

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| <p>Question A(k) cont'd:</p> <p>Technical assistance for equipment with new communications techniques (computerization, CD-ROM, Internet, etc.) and for the necessary training in the use of these tools.</p> | UNCTAD | Supply of the Trade Analysis and Information System (TRAINS) by CD-ROM. Assistance in using and distributing the system.* See also B(q) Trade Point. |
| | UNDP | See UNDP reply to A(k) concerning training. |
| | World Bank | In the framework of PATARE, computers and the Internet networks will be financed as well as the necessary training. |
| | WTO | See C(d). |

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| In reply to question A(l): <u>Technical assistance in specific areas of the WTO Agreements</u> | | |
| Legislative and regulatory texts on imports and exports, e.g. concerning market access and rules of origin. | IMF | Provision of assistance: (1) To review and update customs legislation and regulations (2) to rationalize the import tariff and coordinate it with the domestic indirect tax system, to assure efficient collection of revenues. (1998: Commitment in principle). |
| | UNCTAD/ UNDP | The RAB/96/001 Regional Programme will supply assistance to the Government of Djibouti to address <u>part of its needs</u> in this area. Additional finance is required. |
| | WTO | Specific assistance will also be supplied by WTO to enable Djibouti to implement the WTO Agreements. This assistance will consist in aiding the country to formulate/revise its trade legislation and establish its notifications procedures (1998-2000). |
| Services (telecommunications and shipping) | WTO | A technical assistance mission will be sent in 1998 to ensure the distribution of information concerning the legal framework and negotiations on services. |
| SPS: the machinery relating to health and phytosanitary standards, quality controls, etc. | ITC | A SPS seminar in the context of the current project on follow-up to the WTO Agreements could be organized in early 1998. |
| | WTO | WTO will assist Djibouti to make better use of the Agreement by informational activities such as the specialized seminars to be held in 1998 and 1999 and by supplying teaching material on the SPS Agreement. |
| TRIPS | WTO | In accordance with the Technical Cooperation Agreement between WTO and WIPO, assistance will be given to train Djibouti personnel in the form of information supplied at specialized seminars (see A(k)) and by supplying teaching material on TRIPS. |
| Implementing the obligations incumbent upon Djibouti as a result of its membership of WTO. | WTO | See reply to question A(k). |

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| In reply to question A(m): <u>Assessment of trade analysis and negotiating capacities</u> | | |
| Is still incapable of mastering the set of WTO trade analysis and negotiating instruments, owing to the lack of a national information service on the WTO provisions. | UNCTAD/ UNDP | The RAB/96/001 Regional Programme will supply assistance to the Government of Djibouti to address <u>part of its needs</u> in this area. Additional financing is required. |
| | WTO | In the context of improving the incorporation of Djibouti into the multilateral trading system, WTO will, regularly supply the ministries concerned with documentation on the multilateral and plurilateral agreements and on the work in progress in WTO (1998-2000). |

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| In reply to question B(g): <u>Technical assistance needs to alleviate supply constraints</u> | | |
| Establishing a national policy and a structure to encourage the promotion of investments. | UNCTAD/ UNDP | The RAB/96/001 Regional Programme will supply assistance to the Government of Djibouti to address <u>part of its needs</u> in this area. Additional financing is required. |
| Reduction of the cost of production factors (e.g. electricity is expensive in Djibouti and research on geothermal and wind energy should be updated and continued). | World Bank | In the context of the privatization of public enterprises, there is an institutional research component for the energy sector. |
| Training of human resources | ITC | See item A(l). |
| | UNDP | Regional Programmes RAB/96/001, RAB/94/009 and RAB/95/001 will supply assistance to the Government of Djibouti to address <u>a significant part of its needs</u> in this area. |
| | WTO | See A(k), A(l) and A(m). |
| Investment financing | | |
| Policy to promote Djibouti's advantages internationally. | World Bank | In the framework of the public enterprises component of PATARE, a diagnostic study on this subject by an international consultant is provided for. |
| The setting up of various transport modes to connect Djibouti to the land-locked countries of the region and thus strengthen the role of Djibouti as a transit port. | | <p>The agencies have indicated their willingness to cooperate with the Government in identifying specific operational needs and establishing priorities.</p> <p>Further consultations with the Government will be needed to develop specific projects and programmes and explore ways and means of financing.</p> |

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| In reply to question B(q): <u>Technical assistance needs in the area of trade promotion and support services</u> | | |
| Training enterprise personnel in the techniques of international trade and stock management. | ITC | An advisory mission to identify training needs will be organized in early 1998. |
| | World Bank | A seminar will be organized in the United Kingdom in late October 1997 on port management (two Djibouti participants). |
| Establishment of a trade information and advice agency staffed by qualified persons and having modern resources for collecting and distributing information. | ITC | Following the mission mentioned above, a technical cooperation project to strengthen existing commercial training capacities will be prepared. |
| | UNCTAD | - Supply of the TRAINS CD-ROM. - Establishment of a Trade Point linked to the Trade Point Global Network.* |
| | UNDP | UNDP Regional Programmes will supply assistance to the Government of Djibouti to address <u>part of its needs</u> in this area. Additional financing is required. |
| Establishment of an advisory centre on quality control and product packaging. | | |
| Establishment of export financing and support machinery. | ITC | See above. This component could form part of the project to be prepared. |
| Strengthening financial and material resources and the skills - of the staffs of the trade representation offices. | UNDP | UNDP envisages addressing part of this request under Regional Programme RAB/96/001. |

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| In reply to question B(v): <u>Technical assistance needs with respect to market access</u> | | |
| Improving the awareness and training needed for a better utilization of the existing preference systems. | UNCTAD/ UNDP | The RAB/96/001 Regional Programme will supply assistance to the Government of Djibouti to address <u>part of its needs</u> in this area. |
| | UNCTAD | A project is being launched for training in the skills needed to resolve the difficulties connected with the use of GSP and information on market-access conditions in general. |
| Establishing a trade information circuit on foreign markets. | ITC | See B(q). |
| | UNDP | The RAB/96/001 Regional Programme will supply assistance to the Government of Djibouti to address <u>part of its needs</u> in this area. |

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| In reply to question C(b): <u>Summary of technical assistance needs in terms of priority</u> | | |
| Precisely the same as the replies to questions A(k), A(l), B(g), B(q) and B(v). | | Precisely the same as the relevant replies of the organizations. |

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| In reply to question C(d): <u>Technological capacity and human resources to make use of the new information/communication technology tools</u> | | |
| The technological capacity available in the various institutions is inadequate. | UNDP | UNDP envisages addressing part of this request under its regional projects. Additional financing is required. |
| | World Bank | Part of PATARE (technical assistance programme for economic reform) will involve the senior officials of the Ministry of Trade. In the context of PATARE, computers and Internet networks will be financed as well as the necessary training. |
| Assistance will be needed for equipment with computers and training in their use for the national institutions involved in matters of trade policy and the promotion of foreign trade. | UNDP | See UNDP replies to A(k) and A(l). |
| | World Bank | See above. |
| | WTO | WTO will be able to supply a computer and a laser printer for the Government's focal point of the Government on questions relating to the Multilateral Trading System (1998). WTO will also be able to establish the necessary connections of the focal point to Internet and supply Djibouti with CD-ROMs. Training in the use of the computer and electronic equipment supplied will also be assured by WTO (1998). |
| | UNCTAD/ITC | See B(q). |