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3-5 November 1982). The full list and brief resumé of action taken to date are as follows:

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>BRIEF RESUME OF ACTION TAKEN</u>
I	Assessment of National Science and Technology Capabilities	Questionnaires have been sent to all CDCC members and associate members and some replies are still outstanding
II	Establishment of a Science and Technology Journal	An Editorial Board comprising Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Suriname and St. Vincent and the Grenadines was identified and filming is scheduled to start early in 1983
III	Preparation and Exchange of Audio-Visual Material for Exchange in Science + Technology	A project leader and team have been identified and filming is scheduled to start early in 1983
IV	A Study of the Consequences of the Development of Energy Corps on Food Supplies in the Region	Discussions on the preliminary report were held with the Consultant and a more precise plan of action has been identified. The Consultant is to submit this to the Secretariat together with the cost and deadlines
V	Conservation and Exchange of Germplasm of Crop Plants	Attempts have been made to secure CSC/CDB sponsorship. Although prospects look favourable, no firm decision has been taken
VI	Development of Agro-industries and Employment Opportunities particularly at Rural Level	The Consultant's report has been submitted and is being analyzed by the Secretariat prior to deciding on the next phase

- VII The Potential and Limitation of Newly Emerging Technologies for Developing Countries
- The Government of Trinidad + Tobago (T+T) has already taken the initiative at national level to convene a Seminar/ Workshop early in 1983 in order to make their decision-makers more aware of the uses and implications of these new technologies. The Secretariat is hoping to benefit from T+T's experience before sponsoring a regional effort later in 1983
- VIII A Science + Technology Policy for the Caribbean
- The OAS, through its Caribbean Committee on Science + Technology for Development (CCSTD) has offered to collaborate with the Secretariat on this project and initially to sponsor a two-month consultancy to prepare a report on the different regional S+T activities being supported by individual agencies. The report will be used as the basis for the preparation of a regional policy in S+T

Many aspects of economic and technical cooperation at regional level are inherent in all the above projects which have been implemented pragmatically and have enhanced collaboration by combining regional resources and by encouraging those Agencies which support S+T Activities within the region to coordinate and rationalize their aid programmes.

Therefore, as the two year initial period enters its final phase, the justifiable grounds for modest congratulations must be accompanied by some contemplation on the next phase - The Development Phase (1983-87) - of Council's Evolution.

and can contribute to their national economic development strategy.

- iv) to collect and analyse the information on all regional S+T projects supported by the various Agencies operating in the Caribbean.
- v) to utilize the information collected in (iii) to prepare a document which will act as the basis for formulating a Regional Policy in Science and Technology.

MEDIUM AND LONG TERM OBJECTIVES (1983-87)

Council will begin to formulate a comprehensive and cohesive regional Policy in Science and Technology which would meet the individual as well as collective needs of Member Governments. Each Member Government will be encouraged and/or assisted to establish a National Council of Science and Technology which will articulate national perceptions on how S+T can be used to enhance economic and social development.

CCST in collaboration with OAS, UNESCO and CSC will then convene a regional workshop/seminar in S+T to obtain a general consensus in terms of chosen lines of action.

These lines of action will identify specific and realistic regional goals which can be achieved by all Member Governments, especially in the areas of Transfer of Technology and the New Technologies.