

## **SUBMISSION BY MUINTIR NA TIRE TO ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION**

(Reference Agenda Council Meeting 30/11/81 "What has Ireland got to offer Developing Countries")

RE: IRISH PROGRAMME FOR THIRD WORLD COUNTIES

THE FOLIOING OUTLINE SUBMISSION IS BASED ON:

a) The Operational definition of development as set out in the Agenda for Advisory Council meeting on November 30, 1981.

b) A Model of a "Trainer of Trainers" programme in Community Development evolved by Muintir na Tire.

I. DEFINITTON OF DEVELOPMENT BY ADVISORY COUNCIL:

"Development is the process by which the equal dignity inherent in all human beings should become more clearly reflected in their economic and social conditions".

2. DEFINITION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AS ACCFPTED BY MUINTIR NA TIRE:

"The processes by which the efforts of the people are united with those of the statutory bodies to improve the economic, social and cultural life of the community, to integrate the community into the life of the nation and to enable the community to contribute fully to the national progress".

We suggest that within the above definition Community Development offers a consistent and practical philosophy and working method to realize the application of the operational definition of development in the "economic and social conditions" of human beings through programmes of economic expansion that will link economic living standards with an acceptable quality of life consistent with local cultures and traditions. It promotes the "equal dignity inherent in all human beings" by enabling people to take part in the decision-making processes on national and regional policies and programmes and by so doing to promote initiative and personal responsibility among the people of local communities in order to make, in general terms, their community a better place to live in.

The training programme in Community Development is basically directed towards an exploration or the possibilities of social and economic change in local communities