

such changes in these allocations as may be necessary to provide as far as possible for the full utilization of contributions to the Expanded Programme, provided that these changes shall not in the aggregate exceed 3 per cent of the total amount allocated to the organizations participating in the Expanded Programme.

*612th plenary meeting,
7 December 1956.*

1020 (XI). Report of the Agent General of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency

The General Assembly,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 410 (V) of 1 December 1950, 701 (VII) of 11 March 1953, 725 (VIII) of 7 December 1953, 828 (IX) of 14 December 1954 and 920 (X) of 25 October 1955,

Taking note of the report of the Agent General of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency¹ on the work of the Agency for the period 1 July 1955 to 30 June 1956, and of the comments thereon by the United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea,²

Recognizing the particular importance of the Agency's programme for the relief and rehabilitation of the Republic of Korea,

Considering the recommendation contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 611 (XXI) of 24 April 1956, relating to submission to the Council of the reports of the Agent General,

1. *Commends* the Agent General of the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency for the excellent progress made by the Agency in pursuing its mission of assisting the Korean people to relieve the sufferings and to repair the devastation caused by aggression;

2. *Commends* the Agent General for the progress he has made in carrying out the desire expressed by the General Assembly that the approved programmes of the Agency be expeditiously implemented to the maximum extent possible within available funds;

3. *Expresses appreciation* for the valuable and continuing assistance given to the Agency by United Nations specialized agencies and by voluntary non-governmental organizations;

4. *Decides* to amend resolution 410 A (V) of 1 December 1950 as follows:

(a) From paragraph 5 (d) delete the words "and to the Economic and Social Council";

(b) Delete paragraph 13 and renumber the subsequent paragraphs accordingly.

*612th plenary meeting,
7 December 1956.*

1021 (XI). Currency utilization

The General Assembly,

Having considered the problem of currency utilization,

Recalling that, according to Economic and Social Council resolution 623 B III (XXII) of 9 August

¹ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Eleventh Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/3195).*

² *Ibid., Eleventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 29, document A/3322.*

1956, the Technical Assistance Committee and the Council will consider this problem during the twenty-fourth session of the Council,

Decides to refer the records of the debate on this subject during the eleventh session of the General Assembly to the Economic and Social Council and to the Technical Assistance Committee for that purpose.

*632nd plenary meeting,
21 December 1956.*

1022 (XI). Working Capital and Reserve Fund of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance

The General Assembly,

Having considered the part of the report of the Economic and Social Council relating to the Working Capital and Reserve Fund of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance,³

1. *Approves* the recommendation of the Economic and Social Council in resolution 623 B II (XXII) of 9 August 1956 that the regulations concerning the Working Capital and Reserve Fund be amended as set forth in the annex to the present resolution;

2. *Decides* to amend accordingly section B of General Assembly resolution 831 (IX) of 26 November 1954.

*632nd plenary meeting,
21 December 1956.*

ANNEX

Amendments to Economic and Social Council resolutions 521 A (XVII) of 5 April 1954 and 542 B II (XVIII) of 29 July 1954, as approved by the Council in resolution 623 B II (XXII) of 9 August 1956

A. Replace paragraphs 5 (a), (b) and (c) of resolution 521 A (XVII) by the following text:

"(a) The Working Capital and Reserve Fund shall be maintained as a continuing operating reserve for the following purposes:

"(i) To make advances against firm pledges of contributions to finance the technical assistance programme as approved by the Technical Assistance Committee; sums so advanced shall be reimbursed as soon as receipts from contributions are available for the purpose; provided that advances against pledges shall be reviewed periodically by the Technical Assistance Committee to determine whether the advances shall continue or be repaid from other resources of the programme;

"(ii) To improve and facilitate currency management;

"(iii) To make advances to participating organizations to provide working balances in their bank accounts;

"(iv) To make advances to finance commitments which may be duly authorized by the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board under authority given to him to meet urgent needs which may arise during the implementation of the annual programme; provided that the repayment of such advances shall constitute a priority charge against the resources of the following year;

"(v) To provide funds to cover forward contractual commitments and to meet residual liquidating liabilities; each participating organization shall limit its forward contractual commitments and residual liquidating liabilities to its *pro rata* share of the Working Capital and Reserve Fund, based on the allocations authorized for the current year;

"(vi) For such other purposes as may be approved by the Technical Assistance Committee from time to time;

³ *Ibid., Eleventh Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/3154), chapter III, section VI, para. 239.*

"(b) The size of the Working Capital and Reserve Fund shall be determined from time to time by the Technical Assistance Committee;

"(c) The Technical Assistance Board shall report annually to the Technical Assistance Committee on the advances outstanding at the end of the period."

B. Replace paragraphs 1 (b) (v) and (vii) of resolution 542 B II (XVIII) by the following text:

"(v) Subject to the confirmation of the General Assembly, the Technical Assistance Committee shall authorize the allocation of funds to each of the participating organizations in proportion to their share in the approved over-all programme. These funds shall be drawn from the net financial resources, after setting aside the expenses of the secretariat of the Technical Assistance Board and such amounts as may be required to reimburse the Working Capital and Reserve Fund for withdrawals during the preceding year to finance obligations for urgent needs authorized by the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board under paragraph (vii) below;

"(vii) Any extraordinary requests submitted by a Government for modification of the programme received subsequent to the approval of the annual programme by the Technical Assistance Committee may be approved by the Technical Assistance Board and reported to the Technical Assistance Committee at its next meeting. Should it not be possible to effect necessary increases and decreases within the programme of the country concerned, the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board may authorize participating organizations to enter into commitments to meet urgent needs within limits fixed annually by the Technical Assistance Committee but not to exceed 5 per cent of the estimated resources for the year. The Technical Assistance Board shall report to the Technical Assistance Committee annually, beginning with the session in November 1957, all allocations made under this provision, together with the circumstances relating thereto. The Technical Assistance Committee shall review those allocations, and make such recommendations as it deems appropriate."

1023 (XI). Implementation and expansion of the programmes of technical assistance

The General Assembly,

Having considered chapter III B of the report of the Economic and Social Council,⁴ regarding the regular United Nations programme of technical assistance and the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance,

Mindful that, under the regular programme of technical assistance, valuable services are being rendered in the fields of economic development, social welfare and public administration,

Convinced that a steady expansion of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance would contribute substantially to continuing and new projects in assistance for economic and social development in the under-developed countries,

Noting with satisfaction the increasing moral and material support of the Expanded Programme as expressed in the discussions at the eleventh session of the General Assembly and as shown in the contributions for 1956 and 1957,

1. *Takes note* of chapter III B of the report of the Economic and Social Council;

2. *Invites* Governments to give the fullest support to the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, when they consider their pledges for the coming years, in order to ensure its continued growth.

632nd plenary meeting,
21 December 1956.

⁴ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 3 (A/3154).

1024 (XI). Technical assistance in public administration

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that technical assistance in public administration is one of the most effective means of accelerating the economic and social progress of the less developed countries,

Sharing the views expressed by the Secretary-General on this subject in his statement of 25 October 1956,⁵

Endorses the recommendations of the Secretary-General for increased activity in the field of public administration under the regular United Nations programme of technical assistance.

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21 December 1956.

1025 (XI). International co-operation in the establishment of national food reserves

The General Assembly,

Having in mind the desirability of achieving the objectives set forth in its resolution 827 (IX) of 14 December 1954,

Considering that one of these objectives is the possible use of food reserves for relieving famine and other emergency situations,

Considering further that many countries may need to establish or increase national reserves for this purpose, and recognizing that many countries which are in the early stages of economic development are faced with special difficulties in establishing adequate reserves, such as the fact that levels of consumption in the less developed countries are generally relatively low,

Noting that Economic and Social Council resolution 621 (XXII) of 6 August 1956 requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, to report to the Council at its twenty-fourth session, *inter alia*, on the feasibility, and if feasible the manner, of using food reserves for meeting unforeseeable food shortages,

Noting further that the Food and Agriculture Organization is engaged at the present time in a special study of the question of the establishment of national reserves against emergencies,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in preparing his report pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 621 (XXII) of 6 August 1956, to include, on the basis of his consultations with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, an analysis of the possibilities and desirability of promoting, by means of consultations between importing and exporting Member States, the use of surplus foodstuffs in building up national reserves to be used in accordance with internationally agreed principles:

(a) To meet emergency situations;

(b) To prevent excessive price increases arising as a result of a failure in local food supplies;

(c) To prevent excessive price increases resulting from increased demand due to economic development

⁵ *Ibid.*, Eleventh Session, Annexes, agenda item 26, document A/C.2/189.