

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

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722 (VIII). Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance for the economic development of under-developed countries

The General Assembly,

Believing that the results so far achieved by the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance demonstrate the important contribution which the Programme has made and is capable of making in the economic development of under-developed countries,

Desirous that the Expanded Programme shall continue to play an increasingly effective role in the achievement of higher standards of living for the people of the under-developed areas,

1. *Recommends* that governments and participating agencies pay due regard to making the aims and operations of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance more widely known;

2. *Urges* that, in order to permit the Expanded Programme to progress, governments contribute for the year 1954 so as to meet to the maximum extent possible the Programme needs for 1954 and, in any case, so that the funds available shall be no less than the amount earmarked by the Technical Assistance Board for the approved 1953 programme;

3. *Emphasizes* the pressing need that governments pay promptly their contributions pledged at conferences, with special regard to previous financial periods;

4. *Notes with satisfaction* the actions taken by the Economic and Social Council in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of section I and in paragraphs 6 and 7 of section II of resolution 492 C (XVI) of 5 August 1953 designed to strengthen the organization and administration of the Expanded Programme, so as to assure the most effective use of the contributions made available, and invites the Technical Assistance Committee and the Technical Assistance Board, in working out their recommendations on the administration, the financial procedures and the system of allocation of funds of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, to take into consideration the relevant views expressed in the

debates during the eighth session of the General Assembly;

5. *Requests* the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to review as soon as possible the administrative procedures of the Technical Assistance Board and those of the participating organizations as well as their administrative expenditures so far as those are financed from the Special Account;

6. *Approves* the financial arrangements set forth in the annex hereto as recommended by the Economic and Social Council in paragraph 5 of section II of resolution 492 C (XVI);

7. *Requests* the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds, appointed pursuant to General Assembly resolution 759 (VIII) of 5 October 1953, to undertake, in addition to already assigned tasks and as soon as convenient after the closing of the eighteenth session of the Economic and Social Council, negotiations with governments regarding their pledges to the Special Account for the year 1955 towards the goal to be suggested by the Council at the same session;

8. *Notes* that the Economic and Social Council, in response to the desire expressed by the General Assembly in resolution 621 (VII) of 21 December 1952, has expressed the view that, for the orderly development of programmes, it would be useful to have assured financial support for a period longer than a year, and invites those participating countries which may be in a position to do so to take steps within their constitutional limitations, to ensure the financial support of the Expanded Programme, on a long-term basis.

*454th plenary meeting,
23 October 1953.*

ANNEX

Financial arrangements

(Recommended by the Economic and Social Council in paragraph 5, section II, of resolution 492 C (XVI))

(a) Seventy-five per cent of total funds available, excluding carry-over, shall be available for allocation to the participating organizations after approval of country programmes by the Technical Assistance Board, in accordance with the percentages

set forth in paragraph 8 (c) ^a of Council resolution 222 A (IX) as amended and modified pursuant to paragraph 19 of the report of the Technical Assistance Committee to the thirteenth session of the Council;

(b) The balance of funds available, including carry-over, shall be retained in the Special Account (i) to cover the necessary minimum expenses of TAB and the resident representatives; and (ii) for further allocation to the participating organizations, as provided in Council resolution 433 (XIV);

(c) In establishing the level of the necessary administrative expense in the whole Programme, the need for economy, in view of the present level of operational expenditure, shall be fully taken into account.

^a Formerly paragraph 9 (c).

723 (VIII). Technical assistance in public administration

The General Assembly,

Noting that the programme of activities and the organizational arrangements developed by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Economic and Social Council in response to General Assembly resolution 246 (III) of 4 December 1948, and placed on a continuing basis in accordance with General Assembly resolution 518 (VI) of 12 January 1952, are no longer adequately covered by the terms of resolution 246 (III),

Noting further that the aforementioned activities now form an integral part of a wider programme of assistance to governments in the field of public administration, including aspects other than training,

Recognizing the increasingly important role of governmental administration in programmes for the promotion of economic development and social welfare,

1. *Approves* a revised United Nations programme in public administration comprising:

(a) The provision, at the request of governments, of technical assistance related to public administration, including training for public service, through:

- (i) The advisory services of experts;
- (ii) Fellowships and scholarships;
- (iii) Training institutes, seminars, conferences, working groups and other means;
- (iv) The provision of technical publications;

(b) The collection, analysis and exchange of technical information in the field of public administration, in collaboration, where appropriate, with the International Institute of Administrative Sciences and other appropriate institutions, and assistance to governments to promote, by all suitable means, sound public administration, in relation to economic and social development;

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to continue to include in the budgetary estimates of the United Nations the funds necessary for carrying out an effective operational programme based on the provision of the above services and, in addition, to finance such activities from funds made available from the United Nations Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, provided that, in the latter case, such assistance is related to the economic development of under-developed countries;

3. *Reaffirms* the principle by which each requesting government shall continue to be expected to assume responsibility, as far as possible, for all or part

of the expenses connected with the services furnished to it;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report regularly to the Economic and Social Council on activities carried on under this programme.

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23 October 1953.*

724 (VIII). Economic development of under-developed countries

A

The General Assembly,

Having noted Economic and Social Council resolution 482 A (XVI) of 4 August 1953,

Desirous of strengthening the United Nations in its mission of guarding the peace and security of all peoples and of promoting higher standards of living and conditions of economic and social progress and development in under-developed countries,

Looking forward to the time when sufficient progress in internationally supervised world-wide disarmament will make it propitious to devote additional resources to assist development and reconstruction, particularly in the under-developed countries,

Adopts the following declaration:

"We, the governments of the States Members of the United Nations, in order to promote higher standards of living and conditions of economic and social progress and development, stand ready to ask our peoples, when sufficient progress has been made in internationally supervised world-wide disarmament, to devote a portion of the savings achieved through such disarmament to an international fund, within the framework of the United Nations, to assist development and reconstruction in under-developed countries."

*468th plenary meeting,
7 December 1953.*

B

The General Assembly,

Having considered the Report on a Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development¹ prepared by the Committee of Nine appointed by the Secretary-General, and submitted in pursuance of Economic and Social Council resolution 416 A (XIV) of 23 June 1952 and General Assembly resolution 622 A (VII) of 21 December 1952,

Mindful of the aim expressed in the preamble of the Charter "to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples" and of Articles 55 and 56 of the Charter,

Believing that, especially in the present state of world tension, the social and economic advancement of the under-developed countries can contribute towards the achievement of international peace and security,

Confident that an expanded flow of capital to under-developed countries would contribute to the solution of the basic economic problems of our time, both for under-developed and developed countries,

Considering that the use of international machinery for financially assisting the acceleration of the eco-

¹ See United Nations Publication, Sales No.: 1953.II.B.1.