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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

304 (IV). Expanded programme of technical assistance for economic development of under-developed countries

The General Assembly,

Having considered the Economic and Social Council's resolution 222 (IX) A¹ of 15 August 1949 on an expanded programme of technical assistance for economic development,

1. *Approves* the observations and guiding principles set out in annex I of that resolution and the arrangements made by the Council for the administration of the programme;

2. *Notes* the decision of the Council to call a Technical Assistance Conference to be convened by the Secretary-General in accordance with the terms of paragraphs 12 and 13 of the Council resolution;

3. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to set up a special account for technical assistance for economic development, to be available to those organizations which participate in the expanded programme of technical assistance and which accept the observations and guiding principles set out in annex I of the Council resolution and the arrangements made by the Council for the administration of the programme;

4. *Approves* the recommendations of the Council to Governments participating in the Technical Assistance Conference regarding financial arrangements for administering contributions, and authorizes the Secretary-General to fulfil the responsibilities assigned to him in this connexion;

5. *Invites* all Governments to make as large voluntary contributions as possible to the special account for technical assistance.

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16 November 1949.*

305 (IV). Technical assistance for economic development under General Assembly resolution 200 (III)

The General Assembly,

Having considered the Economic and Social Council's recommendation,² in accordance with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 200 (III)³ of 4 December 1948, including its recommendations concerning "budgetary action re-

¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fourth Year, Ninth Session, Resolutions*, page 4.

² See *Official Records of the fourth session of the General Assembly, Supplement No. 3*, page 15.

³ See *Official Records of the third session of the General Assembly, Part I, Resolutions*, page 38.

quired by the General Assembly to carry on the functions instituted" by resolution 200 (III),

Having decided, in resolution 200 (III), "to appropriate the funds necessary to enable the Secretary-General to perform" certain functions set out in that resolution,

1. *Agrees* with the recommendations of the Economic and Social Council that the activities under resolution 200 (III) should be expanded in 1950 in accordance with the Secretary-General's proposals, that increased appropriations should be provided therefor and that the regular budget of the United Nations should continue to provide for the activities authorized by that resolution;

2. *Notes with approval* that the Secretary-General has included an amount for these services in the budget of the United Nations for the year 1950.⁴

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306 (IV). Economic development of under-developed countries

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report⁵ presented by the Economic and Social Council in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 198 (III)⁶ of 4 December 1948,

1. *Notes* the measures already devised by the Council, its commissions and the specialized agencies regarding the economic development of under-developed countries and regions, especially those in the field of technical assistance for economic development;

2. *Takes note* of the arrangements made by the Council to give detailed consideration at an early session to other questions related to the economic development of under-developed countries and regions;

3. *Looks forward* specifically to receiving the Council's studies of and recommendations for international action concerning the urgent problems of the financing, in all its aspects, of economic development in under-developed countries;

4. *Recommends* that the Economic and Social Council:

(a) Continue to give urgent attention to the problems of economic development of under-

⁴ See *Official Records of the fourth session of the General Assembly, Supplement No. 5*, page 234.

⁵ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 3, page 14.

⁶ See *Official Records of the third session of the General Assembly, Part I, Resolutions*, page 37.

developed countries, giving due consideration to questions of a social nature which directly condition economic development;

(b) Stimulate its commissions and the specialized agencies to give similar urgent attention to these problems;

(c) Include in its annual report to each regular session of the General Assembly a special chapter on the measures being taken to promote economic development, together with the recommendations for the further improvement, if necessary, of such measures.

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16 November 1949.

307 (IV). Economic development and international economic and commercial policy

The General Assembly,

Considering that the tasks hitherto entrusted to the Economic and Social Council, the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies in connexion with the economic development of under-developed countries have been concentrated especially on the study of problems connected with technical assistance and with the financing of economic development,

Considering that experience has shown that many aspects of international economic and commercial policy exercise a powerful influence on the economic development of under-developed countries,

Recommends that, in the Economic and Social Council's forthcoming work and studies on economic development, further attention should be paid to such questions of international economic and commercial policy as may influence the process of development of the economies of under-developed countries, with a view to making recommendations to the General Assembly.

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308 (IV). Full employment

The General Assembly

1. *Notes* the discussions which have taken place at the ninth session of the Economic and Social Council on problems of employment and economic stability, and the adoption of resolution 221 (IX)⁷ of the Council on 11 August 1949 and the resolution⁸ on unemployment adopted by the International Labour Conference on 1 July 1949;

2. *Approves* the action of the Secretary-General in inviting a group of experts to report on national and international measures required to achieve and maintain full employment;

Believes:

3. That national and international action by Members, designed to promote and maintain full

⁷ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council*, Fourth Year, Ninth Session, Resolutions, page 2.

employment in accordance with Articles 55 and 56 of the Charter, is a basic requirement for the achievement of a stable and expanding world economy;

4. That, in addition, action is needed to overcome unemployment and under-employment such as that arising, particularly in under-developed countries, among large numbers of people engaged in agricultural pursuits; and that, to this end, it is necessary, *inter alia*, to stimulate the economic development of under-developed countries;

5. That the objectives of international agreements for the furtherance of the production and consumption of, and the expansion of international trade in, goods on as free as possible a basis would be seriously impaired by failure to take, or by delay in taking, action designed to maintain full and productive employment especially in those countries which have an important share in world trade; and

6. That a high and stable level of international investment, particularly in the under-developed areas of the world, would contribute materially to the realization of those objectives;

Notes with satisfaction:

7. Declarations of various Governments of their intention to deal promptly with unemployment, and their recognition of the contribution which such steps will make towards the maintenance of world-wide economic stability; and that the measures they have already put into effect, or have under study, for increasing purchasing power and for promoting full employment include such measures as the extension of unemployment insurance, the expansion of social services generally, public works programmes including low-cost housing and natural resources development projects, measures affecting the level and methods of taxation, incentives for the encouragement of private capital investment; and

8. The intention of the Economic and Social Council to study further the related questions of measures to achieve full employment and to encourage international investment;

9. *Recommends* that each Government consider, as a matter of urgency, its international responsibility under Articles 55 and 56 of the Charter to take action, as the need arises, designed to promote and maintain full and productive employment, through measures appropriate to its political, economic and social institutions;

10. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council, during its consideration of full employment and economic development, to give attention to unemployment and under-employment, especially in under-developed countries and particularly in such critical fields as agriculture;

11. *Decides* that the world economic situation be reviewed again at the next regular session of the General Assembly in the light of Articles 55 and 56 of the Charter.

256th plenary meeting,
25 November 1949.

⁸ See International Labour Office, *Industry and Labour*, volume II, No. 3, page 168.