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518 (VI). Technical assistance activities under General Assembly resolutions 200 (III), 246 (III) and 418 (V)

The General Assembly,

Having decided in resolutions 305 (IV) and 316 (IV) that the regular budget of the United Nations should continue to provide for the activities authorized by resolutions 200 (III) and 58 (I),

1. *Directs* the Secretary-General to place on a continuing basis the programme of technical assistance in public administration authorized by resolution 246 (III) and to include an amount for these services in the United Nations budget in the future;

2. *Notes with approval* that the Secretary-General has included in the United Nations budget¹ for the year 1952 the same amounts as were appropriated by the General Assembly in 1951 for activities under resolutions 200 (III), 246 (III) and 418 (V); and

3. *Recommends* that additional technical assistance activities to be undertaken for the benefit of under-developed countries in the fields of economic development, public administration and social welfare should be considered under the expanded programme of technical assistance in cases where such additional programmes cannot be financed from the budget of the United Nations.

*360th plenary meeting,
12 January 1952.*

¹See Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixth Session, Supplement No. 5, section 28.

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

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The General Assembly,

Believing that the continuation and extension of the technical assistance programmes of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies are of basic importance to economic development and to effective international co-operation to raise standards of living in under-developed countries,

Recognizing that governments requesting technical assistance under the Expanded Programme have the primary responsibility for planning and carrying out, within the framework of available resources, their own programmes of economic and social development,

Recognizing the great importance of close collaboration between agencies giving technical and financial assistance,

1. *Notes with satisfaction* the action taken by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 400 (XIII) of 30 August 1951, the progress already achieved in putting the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance into operation, and the collaboration which has been developing between agencies giving technical and financial assistance with regard to particular projects;

2. *Welcomes* the action² taken by the Technical Assistance Committee of the Economic and Social Coun-

²See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirteenth Session, Annexes, agenda item 33, document E/2102.

cil during the latter's thirteenth session recommending that the Secretary-General and the participating organizations should interpret the rules regarding the provision of supplies and equipment more generously than has been done in the past within the framework of Council resolution 222 A (IX) of 15 August 1949 and requesting the Technical Assistance Board:

(a) To study the practicability of meeting the needs for supplies and equipment designed to increase the effectiveness of certain economic and social services in the under-developed countries, especially in respect of the establishment of training and research centres;

(b) To place greater emphasis on the establishment of training and demonstration projects in the under-developed countries and on the provision of pilot plants and similar facilities;

3. *Requests* that negotiations regarding contributions for the second financial period of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance be carried out by any negotiating committee³ for extra-budgetary funds established during the present session of the General Assembly;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) Subject to the provisions of any other resolution adopted by the General Assembly at its sixth regular session concerning the pledging of extra-budgetary funds, to convene a conference for the purpose of ascertaining approximately the total amount of contributions for the second financial period available from the participating governments, subject to the approval of their respective legislative authorities, for the execution of the technical assistance programmes of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies;

(b) To invite to the conference with the right to vote all Members of the United Nations and all other States which are members of the specialized agencies participating in the programme; and likewise to invite, without the right to vote, representatives of the specialized agencies;

5. *Approves* the financial arrangements set forth in the annex hereto for the administration of the funds contributed, as agreed by the Economic and Social Council in paragraph 7 of its resolution 400 (XIII) of 30 August 1951;

6. *Urges* the participating organizations, through the Technical Assistance Board, to make such arrangements with governments contributing to the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance as would ensure the most effective utilization of all currencies, including particularly the contributions in currencies of limited convertibility, contributed to the Special Account;

7. *Calls on* the specialized agencies participating in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance to provide, in their regular budget documents, information concerning their estimates for the expenditure of technical assistance funds; and to transmit to the General Assembly, for examination and approval, the audit reports relating to expenditure of technical assistance funds allocated from the Special Account after approval of the appropriate audit reports by the general

conferences of their agencies or by such other authorities of the agencies as are constitutionally authorized to approve them;

8. *Expresses the hope* that governments of States which are not Members of the United Nations but are members of participating specialized agencies will attend the conference mentioned in paragraph 4 (a) above, and that they will associate themselves with the financial and other arrangements mentioned above;

9. *Urges* all governments to make contributions to the programme for the year 1952 at least equal to the contributions which they had pledged for the first financial period;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General, the Economic and Social Council and the specialized agencies to take all possible measures to ensure that technical assistance rendered is consistent with, and makes the maximum contribution to, integrated plans of economic and social development;

11. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in view of the fact that certain private non-profit organizations are engaged in rendering technical assistance to several under-developed areas, to study the possibility of co-ordinating their policies and activities with those of the United Nations and the specialized agencies;

12. *Looks forward* to increased collaboration between the agencies furnishing technical assistance and financing agencies so that maximum co-ordination between technical and financial assistance can be obtained;

13. *Recommends*:

(a) That governments requesting technical assistance under the Expanded Programme continue to strengthen their internal machinery for the co-ordinated planning and implementation of development measures, for the formulation of integrated programmes of development, including priorities, and, in general, for the utilization of technical assistance in as effective a manner as possible, including the possibilities of financing such development projects as may be recommended by technical assistance missions;

(b) That governments requested to make available experts and facilities for the Expanded Programme take all possible steps to facilitate the availability of such technical assistance to under-developed countries through the United Nations and the participating specialized agencies, and further that these governments continue to improve their co-ordinating facilities in order to help accelerate the flow of technical knowledge in the under-developed countries.

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ANNEX

Financial arrangements

[Agreed by the Economic and Social Council in paragraph 7 of its resolution 400 (XIII)]

(a) The amounts allocated for the participating organizations for the first financial period shall remain available for the purpose of assuming obligations or commitments during the second financial period, subject to necessary adjustments for the establishment of the Special Reserve Fund provided for in paragraph (b);

³ See resolution 571 B (VI), p. 66.

(b) There shall be established a Special Reserve Fund equivalent to US \$3,000,000 for the purpose of assuring the completion of projects which extend beyond the end of the financial period for which funds are available, and of providing funds pending receipt of contributions at the beginning of a financial year. The Special Reserve Fund shall be created from unobligated funds remaining from the first financial period and shall be maintained principally in convertible currencies. The size of the Special Reserve Fund may be changed by the Technical Assistance Committee. Withdrawals from the Special Reserve Fund may be made by the Technical Assistance Board for the purposes described above and shall be replaced as soon as contributions become available;

(c) The Secretary-General shall allot contributions received for the second financial period as follows:

- (i) \$10,000,000 out of contributions received for the second financial period shall be automatically available for allocation to the participating organizations in accordance with paragraph 9 (c) of Council resolution 222 A (IX);
- (ii) The balance of contributions received shall be retained in the Special Account for further allocation, as provided in paragraph (d) below;

(d) Contributions retained under paragraph (c) (ii) above shall be allotted in accordance with decisions of the Technical Assistance Board in such manner and at such time as it may decide, with a view to ensuring the development of well-balanced and co-ordinated country and regional technical assistance programmes, taking into consideration all relevant factors, in particular, the amounts and kinds of resources on hand and receivable, the technical assistance requests received which fall within the field of the several participating organizations, the uncommitted balances held by them, and the need for the retention of any reserves to meet unforeseen requests from governments;

(e) Unallocated funds remaining in the Special Account from the first financial period after establishment of the Special Reserve Fund shall be available for allocation by the Technical Assistance Board in the second financial period.

B

The General Assembly,

Considering that improvement in the production techniques in industry, agriculture and other branches of the economies of under-developed countries can be greatly advanced by the training of groups of their workers, foremen and technicians in countries which are more developed in certain fields of their economy,

Considering that a valuable method of training such workers, foremen and technicians is by actual employment in appropriate enterprises abroad,

Taking into account, further, that the experience gained by such teams of workers, foremen and technicians has proved useful under various bilateral arrangements in the past,

Recommends that the organizations participating in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance give, among other forms of technical assistance, sympathetic consideration to requests for the placement of teams of workers, foremen and technicians from under-developed territories in appropriate enterprises in other countries for such periods as may be necessary for such teams to acquire the technical proficiency necessary for effective use in their country of origin, and also to enable them to train other workers in those techniques or to adapt such techniques to the conditions in their country.

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520 (VI). Financing of economic development of under-developed countries

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The General Assembly,

Taking note of the report⁴ of the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly at its sixth regular session, the report⁵ of the Economic, Employment and Development Commission on its sixth session, and the experts' report⁶ entitled *Measures for the Economic Development of Under-developed Countries*,

Having in mind the obligations assumed by the governments of Member States under Articles 55 and 56 of the United Nations Charter,

Recalling its conviction, expressed in its resolution 400 (V) of 20 November 1950, that:

(a) Although the economic development of under-developed countries depends primarily upon the efforts of the people of those countries, the necessary acceleration of that development requires not only technical but also financial assistance from abroad, particularly from the more developed countries,

(b) The volume of private capital which is currently flowing into under-developed countries cannot meet the financial needs of the economic development of those countries without an increased flow of international public funds,

Recognizing that:

(a) An urgent and practical approach to the problem of international financing of economic and social development is essential to general progress, to the strengthening of international co-operation and confidence and that it is, therefore, vital for the strengthening and maintenance of peace, especially in the present state of world tension,

(b) It is necessary, for these reasons, to give special attention to the solution of this problem through international co-operation within the framework of the United Nations,

Considering that the statistics contained in the *World Economic Report, 1949-50*,⁷ published by the Secretary-General early in 1951, show that the national incomes of the under-developed countries do not allow a sufficient accumulation of domestic savings to provide heavy investments for their rapid economic development,

Believing that there exists an urgent necessity for studying the problem of creating new sources of international financing suitable for the acceleration of the economic development of under-developed countries, with a view to raising the standard of living of their peoples,

Convinced that the acceleration of the economic development of under-developed countries calls, among other forms of international financial assistance, for an international system of grants-in-aid to those countries,

⁴ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixth Session, Supplement No. 3.*

⁵ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 2.*

⁶ See *Report by a Group of Experts appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations*, United Nations Publications, Sales No. 1951.II.B.2.

⁷ See United Nations Publications, Sales No. 1951.II.C.1.