



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

51 (V) Resolution adopted on 25 April 1953
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THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA,
CONSIDERING:

(a) That the United Nations Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance is a form of international co-operation of growing usefulness for the countries of Latin America;

(b) that its usefulness depends mainly on the unbroken continuation of technical assistance, which, if it is to become increasingly effective, should be planned on a basis longer than a one-year period;

(c) that the financial resources now at the disposal of the organizations participating in the programme are inadequate to meet the cost of the technical assistance projects drawn up by them at the request of the several governments concerned;

1. TAKES NOTE with satisfaction of:

(a) The progress achieved under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance;

(b) the efforts being made by governments and by the Technical Assistance Board to co-ordinate their activities in this field;

(c) The studies

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(d) the fruitful collaboration in the field of technical assistance now existing between ECLA, the Technical Assistance Administration and the other bodies participating in the Expanded Programme;

(e) the positive results achieved by the groups of experts set up jointly by ECLA and the Technical Assistance Administration;

(f) the satisfactory beginning of the programme of training in problems of economic development which was undertaken by the Economic Commission for Latin America in co-operation with the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration and which is being carried on at the Commission's headquarters;

(g) the growing importance attached by governments and by participating organizations to technical assistance designed to give effect to the recommendations made in earlier studies and reports;

(h) the resolution of the Technical Assistance Committee of the United Nations Economic and Social Council requesting the Technical Assistance Board and participating organizations to liberalize the rules governing the grant of equipment as an integral part of technical assistance;

2. EXPRESSES its concern at the financial limitations from which the programme suffers and which have retarded the rate of progress previously attained;

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3. RECOMMENDS that the Economic and Social Council urge governments to endeavour to make such contributions to the Special Account as will enable the programme to continue on a sound basis;
4. URGES the Economic and Social Council to recommend to the General Assembly that it make satisfactory arrangements based on the study concerning "the feasibility of working out estimates for the programme on a basis longer than a one-year period now being undertaken in conformity with General Assembly resolution 621 (VII);
5. RECOMMENDS that governments which have not yet done so, take appropriate administrative steps for working out national arrangements designed to ensure adequate co-ordination between the existing activities of the Expanded Programme, of OAS and of others;
6. REQUESTS the Executive Secretary of ECLA to convey to the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board its wish that the Board continue its endeavour to achieve more effective coordination of the activities of the organizations participating in the expanded programme and between these activities and those of the OAS and other existing programmes.
7. EXPRESSES the wish that fuller information concerning the results of the various technical assistance activities be obtained;
8. REQUESTS the Executive Secretary of ECLA to transmit this resolution together with records of the debate on technical assistance held in Committee II at the Commission's fifth session to the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board.