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Administrative and operational services costs  
of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance

Draft report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 589th meeting held on 14 February 1957, the Fifth Committee considered a letter dated 4 February 1957 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/702), transmitting to the Committee the following draft resolution adopted by the Second Committee at its 431st meeting on 31 January 1957:

"The General Assembly,

"Having noted the resolution adopted by the Economic and Social Council on 17 December 1956, on the recommendation of its Technical Assistance Committee,

"Authorizes the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to co-operation with and render such advice to the Technical Assistance Committee or any administrative review group established by it as may be requested by TAC in the review of the administrative and operational services costs of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance."

2. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions referred to the close interest which that Committee had for many years taken in the working of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and expressed his Committee's willingness at all times to render every possible assistance towards the efficient and economical administration of that Programme. Commenting on the draft resolution, he stressed the importance of defining clearly the terms of reference within which the Advisory Committee might assist the General Assembly

in carrying out the functions covered by the draft resolution. He accordingly suggested that, if the Fifth Committee agreed, the Advisory Committee's interpretation as to what it could do in this regard, as outlined in the following terms in the letter dated 28 January 1957 from the Chairman of that Committee to the Chairman of the Second Committee (A/C.2/L.314), might be included in the present report of the Fifth Committee:

"The Advisory Committee ..... suggested ..... a procedure whereunder the Advisory Committee would be requested annually to examine and report to the General Assembly) on:

- (i) The proposed budget for TAB and its field offices (i.e. central administrative costs of EPTA) for the following year; and
- (ii) The administrative and operational services costs of participating organizations as a whole."

3. The Fifth Committee agreed to include this interpretation of the Advisory Committee in its report, and decided to take note of the draft resolution proposed by the Second Committee.

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