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United States of America: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

In conformity with the determination of the United Nations, as expressed in its Charter, to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom and, for these ends, to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples,

Conscious of the particular needs of less-developed countries and territories,

Considering that the United Nations Expanded Technical Assistance Programme is of proven effectiveness in promoting the economic development of the less-developed countries and territories of the world,

Recognizing, however, that the Expanded Technical Assistance Programme cannot now meet certain urgent needs for technical assistance which, if met, would advance the processes of economic and social development and thus contribute to the stability and peace of the world,

Convinced that a substantial and rapidly achieved enlargement in the financial resources and scope of the United Nations Expanded Technical Assistance Programme would constitute a feasible and constructive advance in United Nations machinery which would be of immediate significance in accelerating the economic development of less-developed countries,

1. Concludes that, in addition to increasing the financial resources of the Programme for projects of types now undertaken by it, there should be established within the Programme a Special Projects Fund which would be used to enlarge the scope of the Programme's activities so as to permit systematic and sustained assistance in certain basic fields;

2. Considers that, while fullest possible use should be made of the existing machinery of the Expanded Technical Assistance Programme, the Special Projects Fund may require new administrative and operational machinery;

3. Decides to establish a Preparatory Committee composed of representatives of _____ Governments participating in the Programme to do the following:

(a) define the basic fields of assistance which the Special Projects Fund should encompass and, within these fields, the types of projects which should be eligible for assistance;

(b) define the changes which may need to be made in the present administration and machinery of the United Nations Expanded Technical Assistance Programme in order to assure rapid and effective use of the Special Projects Fund;

(c) ascertain the extent to which Governments would be willing to contribute to enlarging the financial resources of the Expanded Programme, with an indication of the amounts which they would be prepared to earmark for the Special Projects Fund from their increased contributions; and

(d) prepare the necessary draft amendments in the present procedures and legislation of the Expanded Programme;

4. Requests the President of the General Assembly to appoint the members of the Preparatory Committee:

5. Invites the Secretary-General to provide the Preparatory Committee with all the necessary facilities, including the provision of such expert consultants as might be required;

6. Requests Governments to assist the Preparatory Committee in its work by submitting their views and suggestions to the Preparatory Committee through the Secretary-General and, in particular, by indicating the extent to which they would be willing to increase their contributions to enable the Expanded Programme to perform its enlarged functions effectively;

7. Invites the Specialized Agencies, the Technical Assistance Administration and the Technical Assistance Board, to submit their views and suggestions to the Preparatory Committee through the Secretary-General;

8. Requests the Preparatory Committee to submit the results of its work in the form of a report and recommendations to the twenty-sixth session of the Economic and Social Council;

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9. Requests the Economic and Social Council, with the advice of the Technical Assistance Committee, to transmit the Preparatory Committee's report, together with its own comments, to the thirteenth session of the General Assembly for final action;

10. Looks forward to the establishment of the Special Projects Fund as of 1 January 1959.
