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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF UNDER-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES**

Expanded co-operative programme of technical  
assistance for economic development

Communication dated 20 December 1949 from the Food and  
Agriculture Organization of the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General has received the following communication from  
the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the  
United Nations:

"I have the honour to enclose a copy of two resolutions, one  
on the Expanded Program for Technical Assistance for Economic  
Development; and one on Priority of Technical Assistance Projects,  
which were adopted by the fifth session of the Annual Conference  
of FAO."

(Signed) Norris E. Dodd  
Director-General

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Expanded Program for Technical Assistance for Economic Development  
(Resolution adopted on 6 December 1949)

THE CONFERENCE

Believing that an expanded program for technical assistance to under-developed countries offers a sound means of improving the economic condition of such countries, and thereby furthering the improvement of general world conditions, and of enhancing the value of the Organization's entire program;

Resolves

(1) that the Organization shall participate fully in the expanded program for technical assistance for economic development as set forth in the Economic and Social Council's Resolution No. 222 (IX) A of 15 August 1949, and approved in the General Assembly's Resolution of 16 November 1949;

(2) that the Organization shall accept the observations and guiding principles set out in Annex I to the Economic and Social Council's resolution and the arrangements made by the Economic and Social Council for the administration of the program;

(3) that a Special Fund shall be created pursuant to Financial Resolution XII for the monies and other resources received from the Special Account for Technical Assistance to be established by the Secretary-General of the United Nations;

Requests the Director-General,

(1) to undertake activities in furtherance of the expanded program of technical assistance, with due regard

(a) to the views expressed during the consideration of the subject at the 6th and 7th Sessions of the Council of the Organization, at the Fifth Session of the Conference of the Organization, at the Ninth Session of the Economic and Social Council, and at the Fourth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations;

(b) to the need for ensuring that the approach to the organization and execution of technical assistance projects is through the culture of the local peoples, and accords with the accustomed ways and institutions of these peoples;

(c) to the desirability of achieving effective co-ordination, so as to avoid unnecessary duplication between the activities of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies under the expanded program of technical assistance, in consistence with the general program of the Organization and the policies laid down by its Conference and Council;

/(d) to the most

- (d) to the most effective utilization of the funds and other resources available, and
- (e) to the relative urgency of requests for technical assistance received from governments either directly or through the Technical Assistance Board, and the feasibility of their execution;
- (2) to establish a budget for the monies and other resources received from the Special Account for Technical Assistance and to account for such monies and other resources in accordance with the accounting procedures of the Organization; and
- (3) to submit an interim report on the Organization's participation in the expanded program of technical assistance to the Council of the Organization as soon as practicable, and thereafter to report thereon regularly to the Council and the Conference; and

Authorizes the Director-General,

(1) pursuant to Financial Regulation IX (1), to accept on behalf of the Organization monies and credits for goods and services from the Special Account for Technical Assistance, in such proportions as in the judgment of the Director-General will permit the most effective discharge of the Organization's responsibilities under the expanded program of technical assistance;

(2) to enter into understandings with the appropriate authorities of the participating countries in conformity with the principles enunciated in Annex I of Resolution No. 222 (IX) A of the Economic and Social Council;

(3) to report to the Technical Assistance Committee of the Economic and Social Council through the Technical Assistance Board with respect to the Organization's activities and expenditures under the expanded program of technical assistance.

#### Priority of Technical Assistance Projects

(Resolution adopted on 6 December 1949)

#### THE CONFERENCE

Having examined the question of the order of priority to be adopted in considering requests for assistance under the Expanded Program for Technical Assistance for Economic Development, and having taken into account the principles laid down by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution No. 222 (IX) A of 15 August 1949,

#### Recommends

(1) that, with due consideration of the fact that any system of priorities must be flexible and subject to adjustment in the light of the special circumstances of the countries making requests, to the amount of funds /and other resources

and other resources available to the Organization, and to other relevant circumstances, the Director-General should have regard to the following order of priority in considering requests for assistance under the Expanded Program for Technical Assistance:

Category I - Measures to secure early increase in the production of food and other requirements of local populations, including both short term projects and medium term projects which may be expected to begin to give results in early stages;

Category II - Measures which are likely to result, within the foreseeable future, in an appreciable increase in the external income of the country seeking assistance, in the economic development of natural resources which might result in increasing exports, in reducing the need for importing goods that can be economically produced in the country, and generally in assisting in the creation of favorable conditions for investment and the expansion of trade;

Category III - Measures of a long term nature - mainly research and investigation projects; and

(2) that where several projects are presented in any of the above categories and are considered to be otherwise of equal importance, priority should be given to projects deemed to be of value to more than one requesting country.

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