

490 (XVI). Report of the Universal Postal Union

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note with appreciation of the report¹⁹ of the Universal Postal Union.

715th plenary meeting,
7 July 1953.

491 (XVI). Report of the World Meteorological Organization

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note with appreciation of the report²⁰ of the World Meteorological Organization.

716th plenary meeting,
8 July 1953.

492 (XVI). Technical assistance

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REGULAR PROGRAMME OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note with satisfaction of the report²¹ by the Secretary-General concerning the Regular United Nations Programme of Technical Assistance.

747th plenary meeting,
3 August 1953.

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

The Economic and Social Council

1. Takes note of the report²² of the Secretary-General on the programme of technical assistance in public administration and of the organizational measures which he has taken in that connexion;

2. Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

"The General Assembly,

"Noting that the programme of activities and organizational arrangements developed by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Economic and Social Council in response to General Assembly resolution 246 (III) of 4 December 1948, and placed on a continuing basis in accordance with General Assembly resolution 518 (VI), are no longer adequately covered by the terms of resolution 246 (III),

"Noting further that the aforementioned activities now form an integral part of a wider programme of assistance to governments in the field of public administration, including aspects other than training,

"Recognizing the increasingly important role of governmental administration in programmes for the promotion of economic development and social welfare,

"1. Approves a revised United Nations programme in public administration comprising:

"(a) The provision, at the request of governments, of technical assistance related to public administration, including training for public service, through:

"(i) The advisory services of experts;

"(ii) Fellowships and scholarships;

"(iii) Training institutes, seminars, conferences, working groups and other means;

"(iv) The provision of technical publications;

"(b) The collection, analysis and exchange of technical information in the field of public administration, in collaboration, where appropriate, with the International Institute of Administrative Sciences and other appropriate institutions, and assistance to governments to promote, by all suitable means, sound public administration, in relation to economic and social development;

"2. Authorizes the Secretary-General to continue to include in the budgetary estimates of the United Nations the funds necessary for carrying out an effective operational programme based on the provision of the above services and, in addition, to finance such activities from funds made available from the United Nations Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, provided that in the latter case such assistance is related to the economic development of under-developed countries;

"3. Reaffirms the principle by which each requesting government shall continue to be expected to assume responsibility, as far as possible, for all or part of the expenses connected with the services furnished to it;

"4. Requests the Secretary-General to report regularly to the Economic and Social Council on activities carried on under this programme."

748th plenary meeting,
4 August 1953.

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EXPANDED PROGRAMME OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

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Co-ordinated country technical assistance programmes

The Economic and Social Council

1. Takes note of the memorandum²³ by the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board outlining the measures adopted for improving the procedures whereby co-ordinated country technical assistance programmes may be developed at the country level;

2. Requests the Technical Assistance Board to report to the Technical Assistance Committee, at a later session, on the results obtained by putting these proposals into effect;

3. Recalls, in this connexion, General Assembly resolution 519 (VI), paragraph 13, requesting those

¹⁹ See document E/2383.

²⁰ See document E/2428.

²¹ See document E/2414.

²² See document E/2415.

²³ See document E/TAC/12.

governments which receive technical assistance under the Expanded Programme to strengthen their internal machinery with a view to rendering more effective the activities of the participating organizations and facilitating the co-ordination work of the Technical Assistance Board and of its resident representatives.

751st plenary meeting,
5 August 1953.

II

Financial arrangements for 1954 and future financing of the Expanded Programme

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report²⁴ of the Technical Assistance Committee on the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, together with the fifth report²⁵ of the Technical Assistance Board, the documents²⁶ presented by the Technical Assistance Board, and the special report²⁷ of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination,

Reaffirming its conviction that the Programme as a positive force in the economic development of under-developed countries and as a moral force for building the foundations of a peaceful world merits continuation and expansion,

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1. *Emphasizes* the pressing need that governments pay their pledged contributions promptly, including those already announced;

2. *Urges* States participating in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance to continue to give it their full support, financial and other, so as to ensure its essential and natural development and help it to meet the growing needs of the under-developed countries;

3. *Urges* that, in order to permit the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance to progress, governments contribute for the year 1954 so as to meet to the maximum extent possible the programme needs for 1954, and in any case so that the funds available shall be no less than the amount earmarked by the Technical Assistance Board for the approved 1953 programme;

4. *Requests* that, in order to enable the participating organizations to plan their programmes for 1954 in advance of the beginning of that year, the United Nations Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds meet as soon as possible after the close of the sixteenth session of the Council, and that the fourth Technical Assistance Conference be held as early as possible during the eighth regular session of the General Assembly;

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5. *Recommends* to the General Assembly to approve at an early date in its eighth regular session the following financial arrangements for the year 1954:

²⁴ See document E/2497.

²⁵ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 10.*

²⁶ See documents E/TAC/9, 10, 12 and 13.

²⁷ See document E/2450.

(a) Seventy-five per cent of total funds available, excluding carry-over, shall be available for allocation to the participating organizations after approval of country programmes by the Technical Assistance Board, in accordance with the percentages set forth in paragraph 8 (c) of Council resolution 222 (IX) as amended and modified pursuant to paragraph 19 of the report²⁸ of the Technical Assistance Committee to the thirteenth session of the Council;

(b) The balance of funds available, including carry-over, shall be retained in the Special Account: (i) to cover the necessary minimum expenses of TAB and the resident representatives, and (ii) for further allocation to the participating organizations, as provided in Council resolution 433 (XIV);

(c) In establishing the level of the necessary administrative expense in the whole programme, the need for economy, in view of the present level of operational expenditure, shall be fully taken into account;

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6. *Takes note* of the decision of the Technical Assistance Committee to appoint a working party:

(a) To review the financial procedures under which the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance operates;

(b) To consider in due course the system of allocation of funds to be applied as from 1955, taking into account the resolutions of TAC concerning the development of technical assistance programmes at the country level;

7. *Requests* the Technical Assistance Committee to submit any recommendations it may wish to make in connexion with sub-paragraph (a) in the preceding paragraph to the resumed session of the Council, to be held during or shortly after the eighth regular session of the General Assembly;

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8. *Having considered* the feasibility of working out estimates for the Programme on a basis longer than a one-year period, according to the desire expressed by the General Assembly in its resolution 621 (VII),

9. *Expresses* the view that, for the orderly development of programmes, it would be useful to have assured financial support for a period longer than a year, even if the establishment of accurate long-term estimates of the requirements of the Programme is not feasible;

10. *Invites*, therefore, such participating countries as may be in a position to do so, to take steps, within their constitutional limitations, to ensure the financial support of the Programme on a long-term basis.

751st plenary meeting,
5 August 1953.

493 (XVI). Question of assistance to Libya

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the part played by the United Nations in the creation of the independent State of the United Kingdom

²⁸ See documents E/2102 and Corr.1.