

Questions relating to technical assistance

657 (XXIV). Report by the Secretary-General on the United Nations programme of technical assistance

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report by the Secretary-General on the regular United Nations programme of technical assistance;²³

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to extend the services of the Technical Assistance Administration to Governments along the lines indicated in his report and in the statement made by the Director-General of the Technical Assistance Administration.²⁴

*993rd plenary meeting,
30 July 1957.*

658 (XXIV). Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance

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The Economic and Social Council

I

Takes note with appreciation of the ninth report submitted by the Technical Assistance Board²⁵ to the Technical Assistance Committee;

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Considering the desirability of continuing to strive for the most effective utilization of the resources of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance,

Considering further that requests for technical assistance currently exceed the resources available for meeting them,

Having in mind the question raised by the Technical Assistance Board with respect to the concentration of future programme development,²⁶

Noting that the accession of countries to independence normally leads to an increase in the technical assistance required by them,

Noting the desirability of maintaining in the 1958 programme the highest possible level of technical assistance to such under-developed countries as are in a crucial stage of economic development,

Noting further the provisional decision of the Technical Assistance Board to the effect that the question of expansion of technical assistance activities under the Expanded Programme in Europe should be further considered before any new programme is recommended for European countries for approval by the Technical

²³ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes, agenda item 9, document E/2966.*

²⁴ *Ibid.*, and E/TAC/L.127.

²⁵ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 5 (E/2965) and document E/TAC/REP/103.

²⁶ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 5 (E/2965), Introduction

Assistance Committee, and that substantial increases in the existing programmes of European countries should be similarly avoided;²⁷

1. *Endorses* the efforts by the Technical Assistance Board to make the most efficient use of the resources of the Expanded Programme by giving priority to most urgent requirements;

2. *Accepts* the provisional decision of the Technical Assistance Board concerning the programme for 1958 with respect to the question of the expansion of technical assistance activities in new beneficiary countries, as a temporary measure and without prejudice to the basic principles governing the Programme.

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The Economic and Social Council,

Being impressed by the evidence that the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance has proved to be increasingly useful,

Believing that all possible means of increasing the access of Governments to the technical resources of the Programme should be fully explored without impairing the efficiency of the regular and expanded programmes of technical assistance,

Considering that in addition to technical assistance provided under the regular and expanded programmes, moderate amounts of technical assistance are also being provided to Governments on a payment basis, such as funds in trust arrangements, by the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration and the specialized agencies,

1. *Requests* the Technical Assistance Board to examine, in consultation with the participating organizations and the recipient Governments, the provision of technical assistance under the Expanded Programme on a payment basis, it being understood that such assistance would be in addition to that already provided under the regular and expanded programmes of technical assistance;

2. *Requests* the Technical Assistance Board to report on this matter to the Technical Assistance Committee at its summer session in 1958.

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659 (XXIV). Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance : A Forward Look

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The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 542 B II (XVIII) of 29 July 1954, by which it established the country programming

²⁷ See E/TAC/65.