

Questions relating to technical assistance

681 (XXVI). Proposal for the establishment of an international administrative service

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing the great importance of efficient administration as an essential element in the effort of Governments to promote economic and social development,

Noting that a number of Governments, in connexion with their plans to improve their administrative practices, have indicated their desire to obtain temporary assistance of an operational or executive character from or through the United Nations,

Having studied the proposals of the Secretary-General¹⁶ which are designed to enable the United Nations to respond to these requests,

1. *Recommends* to the General Assembly that the Secretary-General be authorized, on a limited and experimental basis, and as a supplement to the existing United Nations programmes of technical assistance, but without increase in administrative costs:

(a) To aid Governments, on request, to obtain the temporary services of competent specialists, to be recruited on an international basis, to perform duties of an operational or executive character as may be defined by the requesting Governments and as servants of such Governments, it being understood that such duties shall normally include the training of national personnel to take over the responsibilities temporarily assigned to the internationally-recruited specialists;

(b) To assist the Governments concerned to meet the cost of the employment of such specialists;

(c) To arrange with the Governments and the specialists the terms and conditions of employment of the latter;

2. *Recommends* to the General Assembly that the Secretary-General be requested to report in detail on the progress of this experiment at the twenty-eighth session of the Council.

*1036th plenary meeting,
16 July 1958.*

696 (XXVI). Report by the Secretary-General on the United Nations programmes of technical assistance

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report by the Secretary-General on the United Nations programmes of technical assistance;¹⁷

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to extend the services of the Technical Assistance Administration to requesting Governments along the lines indicated in the report.

*1044th plenary meeting,
31 July 1958.*

¹⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, twenty-sixth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 9, document E/3121.

¹⁷ *Ibid.*, agenda item 8, document E/3081.

697 (XXVI). Report by the Secretary-General on United Nations technical assistance in public administration

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report by the Secretary-General on United Nations technical assistance in public administration;¹⁸

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit regularly to the Council at its summer sessions a report on United Nations technical assistance activities in this field.

*1044th plenary meeting,
31 July 1958.*

698 (XXVI). Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance: Annual report of the Technical Assistance Board to the Technical Assistance Committee

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note with appreciation of the tenth report submitted by the Technical Assistance Board to the Technical Assistance Committee.¹⁹

*1044th plenary meeting,
31 July 1958.*

699 (XXVI). Fellowships under the United Nations technical assistance programmes

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that, of the various forms of assistance provided for under the United Nations technical assistance programmes for countries in process of development, the award of fellowships represents one of the most effective long-term means of speeding up their development, by enabling them to train national personnel and to extend and develop in a lasting manner the work accomplished by the experts placed at their disposal,

Taking note with appreciation of the fact that the preparation and implementation of fellowship programmes and their integration in national development projects are progressing steadily and encouragingly,

Noting, however, with regret that the report of the Technical Assistance Board¹⁹ as well as the report of the Secretary-General²⁰ show a certain decrease in the fellowship activities in 1956 and again in 1957,

1. *Draws the attention* of Governments benefiting by the United Nations technical assistance programmes to the advantages they could obtain by making wider use of the fellowship facilities afforded them under those programmes;

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, document E/3085.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 5* (E/3080-E/TAC/REP/120), and E/3080 Add. 1-E/TAC/REP/120/Add. 1.

²⁰ *Ibid.*, *Twenty-sixth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 8, document E/3081.