

2. *Invites* the participating organizations to make available to Governments, at their request, the information necessary to enable them to estimate whether or not fellowship programmes, requested by them and approved, are likely to be carried out in good time.

*1044th plenary meeting,  
31 July 1958.*

**700 (XXVI). Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance : country programming procedures**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 222 A (IX) of 15 August 1949, which established the basic principles guiding the extension of technical assistance under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, including those concerning the participation of requesting Governments,

*Recalling also* its resolution 542 B (XVIII) of 29 July 1954, which modified the earlier system of allocation of funds under the Expanded Programme, and established the basis for the present country programming procedures,

*Considering* that the country programming procedures have provided a satisfactory framework for extending technical assistance to requesting Governments, and that these procedures have, on the whole, been fulfilling the basic purposes that the Council had in view in passing resolution 542 B (XVIII),

*Considering, further,* that the experience gained thus far in the operation of the country programming procedures suggests that steps may be taken to make them even more effective, including a clarification of certain responsibilities of requesting Governments and the introduction of some further degree of flexibility in the execution of the Expanded Programme,

1. *Requests* the Technical Assistance Board to remind requesting Governments of their responsibilities under annex I of resolution 222 A (IX), including continuing support and progressive assumption of financial responsibility for the administration of projects initiated at their request under international auspices ;

2. *Requests* Governments, in submitting their country programmes, to make clear as far as possible to the Technical Assistance Board and the participating organizations, in the case of each project :

(a) Its relationship to any general development plan or programme ;

(b) The expected duration of the project and an indication of its expansion or contraction over that period ;

(c) The objectives expected to be achieved from its implementation ;

(d) Where appropriate, its relationship to any other similar or complementary project undertaken or requested under another existing technical assistance programme ;

3. *Requests* the Technical Assistance Board to make a study of the experience gained in working under the country programming procedures, including the exploration of possible means of permitting a further degree of flexibility in the execution of the Expanded Programme,

taking into account the views expressed and suggestions made at the summer session in 1958 of the Technical Assistance Committee, and to report on these matters to the Technical Assistance Committee, for consideration at its summer session in 1959.

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31 July 1958.*

**701 (XXVI). Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance : A Forward Look**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Agreeing* with the statement of the Technical Assistance Board concerning the desirability of the Council giving some guidance to Governments on the financial requirements of both the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and the proposed Special Fund in the years immediately ahead,

*Noting* that the General Assembly has recognized that the Expanded Programme is of proven effectiveness in promoting the economic development of the less developed countries,

*Believing* that, in the light of the results so far achieved under the Expanded Programme, a continued gradual expansion in its activities and financial resources is desirable,

*Recognizing* that the hopes reflected in the report of the Technical Assistance Board entitled "A Forward Look",<sup>21</sup> can be realized to a significant extent provided that :

(a) The continued gradual expansion of the Expanded Programme is not adversely affected by the establishment of the Special Fund ;

(b) The Special Fund is successfully initiated and that its resources are such as will enable it to assist in carrying out proposals along the lines of those suggested in the report entitled "A Forward Look",

1. *Expresses the hope* that the Expanded Programme for 1959 will be executed at a moderately higher level than that of 1958 ;

2. *Requests* the General Assembly to encourage Governments to continue to contribute to the Expanded Programme in amounts that will provide for the gradual expansion of the programme.

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31 July 1958.*

**702 (XXVI). Allocation of administrative and operational services costs between Regular and Expanded Programme budgets**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recognizing* the desirability of keeping as low as possible the administrative and operational services costs of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance

<sup>21</sup> *Ibid.*, *Twenty-second Session, Annexes*, agenda item 9, document E/2885.

in order to maximize the amount of such resources available for project implementation,

*Recalling* the recommendation contained in Council resolution 222 A (IX), annex I, of 15 August 1949, which called upon the participating organizations to ensure that the fullest use be made of any existing facilities in implementing the Expanded Programme,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolution 1037 (XI) of 26 February 1957, which authorized the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to render such advice to the Technical Assistance Committee as may be requested by the Committee in the review of the administrative and operational services costs of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance,

*Bearing in mind* the following conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions:<sup>22</sup>

(a) That the difficulties in the present situation can be overcome to a large extent:

- (i) By consolidating, in the regular budget of an organization, the presentation of all its administrative and operational services costs,
- (ii) By relying on a consolidated review of the total administrative and operational services costs by the legislative bodies of the organization,
- (iii) By taking an appropriate lump-sum credit from the Expanded Programme Special Account, if that account must bear part of the total administrative and operational services costs,

(b) That, for 1959, allocations from the Expanded Programme Special Account for administrative and operational services costs of the participating organizations should be met in the form of lump-sum amounts which, barring any major change in programmes, should not exceed the corresponding 1958 allocations,

(c) That there is scope in the participating organizations for further efforts towards a gradual reduction of the total costs of administering their regular and expanded programme activities,

(d) That the Advisory Committee will keep under review the problem whether any part of the total administrative and operational services costs should be financed from the Expanded Programme Special Account, and, if so, how this part can be determined, as a lump sum, on the basis of a simple formula; and that the long-term need for such a formula as well as its character will depend on whether or not the entire administrative and operational services costs are to be borne on the regular budgets of the participating organizations, a problem which requires further study in the face of the wide divergence of views held on this point by the several organizations,

## I

1. *Requests* the participating organizations to take, as soon as possible, whatever steps will be necessary to enable:

<sup>22</sup> A/3832.

(a) The consolidation in the regular budgets of the participating organizations of all administrative and operational services expenses;

(b) The consolidated review of these expenses by the legislative bodies of the participating organizations;

2. *Requests* the Technical Assistance Board to prepare and present to the Technical Assistance Committee for approval, at its session in November 1958, lump-sum amounts for allocation to the participating organizations in 1959, which amounts shall not exceed and shall preferably be less than the amounts allocated for 1958 toward meeting the Expanded Programme's administrative and operational services costs;

3. *Further requests* the Technical Assistance Board, in preparing estimates for the approval of the Technical Assistance Committee, not to exceed the 1959 ceilings for lump-sum payments in subsequent years unless the allocation for project costs proposed for any participating organization shall vary by more than 10 per cent from the allocation for the same purpose for the year 1959, in which case the Technical Assistance Board should present appropriately adjusted amounts for the consideration of the Technical Assistance Committee;

4. *Decides* that the estimates for lump-sum payments prepared by the Technical Assistance Board would be appropriately reconsidered in the event that:

(a) A new formula is devised for determining that part of the total administrative and operational services costs to be financed from the Expanded Programme Special Account;

(b) A decision is reached with respect to eventual assumption of the Expanded Programme's administrative and operational services costs in the regular budgets of the participating organizations;

5. *Recognizes* the need for some measure of flexibility in the application of paragraphs 2 and 3 to agencies with more limited budgets like the International Civil Aviation Organization, the World Meteorological Organization and the International Telecommunication Union and authorizes the Technical Assistance Board, in preparing estimates for the Technical Assistance Committee, to take this factor into account;

6. *Requests* that relevant reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and of the respective external auditors, on administrative and operational services expenses of the technical assistance programmes of the participating organizations, be provided to the Technical Assistance Committee for its information when it is considering allocations;

## II

1. *Requests* the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions:

(a) To keep under review the problem whether any part of the total administrative and operational services costs should be financed from the Expanded Programme Special Account, and, if so, how this part can be determined as a lump-sum, on the basis of a simple formula;

(b) To consider whether or not the regular budgets of the participating organizations should assume all or a specific part of the administrative and operational services costs of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, including the question of such assumption on a progressive basis;

(c) To make appropriate recommendations to the Technical Assistance Committee;

2. *Requests* the Technical Assistance Board :

(a) To study further the technical questions which are involved in the development of the type of formula referred to in paragraph 1 (a) of section II of the present resolution;

(b) To study the technical questions which are involved in the development of any formula which would provide for the progressive assumption in the participating organizations' regular budgets of the Expanded Programme's administrative and operational services costs as referred to in paragraph 1 (b) of section II of the present resolution;

(c) To report the result of these studies to the Technical Assistance Committee;

3. *Invites* the governing bodies of the participating organizations :

(a) To consider formally the problem of the allocation of the administrative and operational services costs of

technical assistance between the Regular and Expanded Programme budgets, including the questions referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of section II of the present resolution;

(b) To advise the Council in due course of the results of such consideration.

*1044th plenary meeting,  
31 July 1958.*

**703 (XXVI). Relations between the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and the Special Fund**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Considering* that it is important that the fullest possible degree of co-ordination should be established and maintained between the operations of the Special Fund and those of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance,

*Resolves* that, subject to the decision by the General Assembly to establish the Special Fund, the Managing Director of the Fund or his representative shall be entitled to attend the meetings of the Technical Assistance Board and to participate without vote in the deliberations of the Board.

*1044th plenary meeting,  
31 July 1958.*

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## Social questions

**682 (XXVI). Increase in the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 672 (XXV) of 20 April 1958 establishing the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

*Noting* that the Executive Committee of the United Nations Refugee Fund has recommended that the Council consider the desirability of increasing the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees from twenty-four to twenty-five seats,

*Noting* also that General Assembly resolution 1166 (XII) of 26 November 1957 provides that the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees should consist of from twenty to twenty-five States Members of the United Nations or members of any of the specialized agencies,

*Noting further* that the same General Assembly resolution requested that the membership of the Committee be elected on the widest possible geographical basis,

*Decides* to amend Council resolution 672 (XXV) to increase the membership of the Committee by the addition of the Republic of China as the twenty-fifth member.

*1041st plenary meeting,  
21 July 1958.*

**686 (XXVI). Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**

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*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Having considered* the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees<sup>23</sup> with the annexed reports of the United Nations Refugee Fund Executive Committee on its seventh and eighth sessions,<sup>24</sup>

*Takes note* of the report prepared by the High Commissioner for transmission to the thirteenth regular session of the General Assembly.

*1041st plenary meeting,  
21 July 1958.*

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<sup>23</sup> A/3828.

<sup>24</sup> *Ibid.*, annexes II and III.