

United Nations and members of the specialized agencies, as well as by substantial participation by the countries receiving assistance, and that thereby a solid basis was laid for the Expanded Programme at its present level,

Appreciating the efforts made by the Governments and by the international organizations concerned further to increase the resources available for technical assistance through the expedient of funds in trust and the expansion of the field activities of the organizations financed from their regular budgets,

Regretting, however, the slowing of the rate of growth of the Expanded Programme in recent years whereas concurrently the number and the size of the requests for assistance both from newly independent countries and from other countries have continued to increase,

Concerned, particularly, about the reduction in the field programme for 1959 and in the estimates for planning the Expanded Programme for 1960,

Mindful of the further increase in assistance required on the part of certain countries in the African and other regions as they obtain independence,

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

1. *Expresses the hope*, at the outset of the second decade of its activities, that countries participating in the Expanded Programme will be prepared further to increase their contributions so that the Programme can resume a gradual growth;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to convey this resolution to Governments to be invited to attend the annual technical assistance conference in October 1959 for pledging their contributions to the Expanded Programme account for 1960.

*1088th plenary meeting,
30 July 1959.*

735 (XXVIII). Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance: Country programming procedures

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 700 (XXVI), of 31 July 1958, on country programming procedures,

Having reviewed the proposals of the Technical Assistance Board to introduce two-year programming procedures under the Expanded Programme,²⁸

Believing that, without affecting the annual pledging procedure, the introduction of two-year programming will lead to improved advance planning of projects and further efficiency in implementation of the Programme,

1. *Decides* that, on an experimental basis and for the period 1961-1962, the Expanded Programme shall be planned by recipient Governments, the Technical Assistance Board and the participating organizations and

²⁸ E/TAC/84, paras. 19-21.

approved by the Technical Assistance Committee for a two-year period and that, provided funds are available, projects shall be undertaken at the most appropriate time in the course of the two-year period, to be determined in consultation between the Governments and the participating organizations concerned;

2. *Decides* that the authorization of allocation of funds to each participating organization for carrying out the technical assistance projects shall continue to be made on an annual basis;

3. *Decides further*, that projects, the planned duration of which is longer than the two-year period, be approved by the Government concerned for the full duration of the project at such time as the project is first included in the country's programme;

4. *Requests* the Technical Assistance Board to submit to the Technical Assistance Committee at its next November session detailed recommendations for the implementation of the Programme as provided for in paragraphs 1 and 2 above, after consulting recipient Governments through resident representatives;

5. *Requests* the Technical Assistance Committee to submit to the Council at its resumed twenty-eighth session any amendments necessary to the resolutions governing the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance in order to establish and implement the Programme on a two-year basis;

6. *Invites* the Technical Assistance Board and the participating organizations to take such steps as may be necessary in order that the Expanded Programme may be planned and implemented on a biennial basis.

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736 (XXVIII). Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance: Local costs arrangements

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 470 (XV), of 15 April 1953, on the method of obtaining payment towards the living costs of experts under the Expanded Programme,

Having considered the desirability of securing a simplification and improvement in the existing methods of assessing Governments with respect to their contributions towards the living costs of experts,

Noting the proposals of the Technical Assistance Board²⁹ for a revision of the local costs arrangements under the Expanded Programme,

Believing that a simplification of the present arrangements might best be obtained if each Government were assessed for its local cost obligation on the basis of a percentage of the total cost of experts' services provided to it under the Expanded Programme,

Believing further that an interim arrangement for assessing local costs obligations should be adopted for the year 1960, while studies are pursued on the means of

²⁹ E/TAC/85.