

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.

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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,<sup>28</sup>

*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

<sup>28</sup> 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 Board<sup>29</sup> 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

<sup>29</sup> E/TAC/85.

securing a more equitable distribution of such obligations among Governments,

1. *Decides* that for the year 1960,

(a) The contribution of each Government towards the local costs of experts' services shall be computed on the basis of a percentage of the total cost of expert services provided to that Government by the participating organizations under the Expanded Programme;

(b) The percentage figure for each country shall be that percentage which the actual local cost obligation of the Government in 1958 was of the total cost to the participating organizations for the provision of expert services in 1958 under the Expanded Programme;

(c) The assessment of each Government shall be made, before 31 December 1959, by applying the percentage figure referred to in sub-paragraph (b) above to the approved 1960 programme; Governments shall make advance payments as assessed and the accounts shall be adjusted, after the end of the year, on the basis of the total costs of experts' services actually provided by the end of the year;

(d) Governments of recipient countries, where there was no programme in 1958, shall be assessed at the rate which would have resulted from application of the arrangements in effect before the adoption of this resolution but not exceeding 12.5 per cent of experts' costs;

2. *Requests* the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board to report to the Technical Assistance Committee in July 1960 on the means of securing a more equitable distribution of the local cost obligations among the Governments concerned.

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### **737 (XXVIII). 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 in order to maximize the resources available for project implementation,

*Recalling* its resolution 702 (XXVI), of 31 July 1958,

*Taking note* of the replies of the governing bodies of the participating organizations to the invitation extended in that resolution formally to consider the problem of the allocation of the administrative and operational services costs of technical assistance between the Regular and Expanded Programme budgets and to advise the Council of the results of such consideration,

*Taking note also* of the views of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions set forth in its third report to the General Assembly (fourteenth session),<sup>30</sup>

<sup>30</sup> A/4130.

*Considering* that as soon as possible, a final decision should be made on the question of the allocation of the administrative and operational services costs of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance between the Regular and Expanded Programme budgets,

1. *Decides*, as an interim solution, that allocations from the Expanded Programme Special Account for administrative and operational services costs of the participating organizations should be made in the form of lump sum amounts on the following basis:

(a) For 1960, in amounts which should not exceed the corresponding 1959 allocations;

(b) For 1961, in amounts which shall be half-way between the 1960 allocations and the equivalent of 12 per cent of the 1959 project allocations including local cost assessments;

(c) For 1962, in amounts which shall be the equivalent of 12 per cent of the 1959 project allocations including local cost assessments;

2. *Invites* the participating organizations to continue to make efforts to reduce to the lowest possible level, compatible with efficient operation, the administrative and operational services costs of the Programme, and requests them to consider at the earliest practicable time the possibility of including any excess in their regular budgets if these costs cannot be covered entirely by the allocations referred to in 1 (b) and (c) above;

3. *Decides*, as an exceptional measure, in view of the various financial periods of the organizations, that allocations to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Meteorological Organization for 1961 will be the same as for 1960;

4. *Decides* that in the case of the International Atomic Energy Agency the lump sum amount to be allocated for administrative and operational services costs in 1960 shall not exceed \$ US 84,000 and that for 1961 the lump sum amount shall be determined on the basis of the 1960 project allocations according to the terms of 1 (b) above;

5. *Decides* that any portion of funds allocated for administrative and operational services costs under this resolution but not required by a participating organization for this purpose, should be taken into account in establishing the programme planning share of the organization concerned;

6. *Recognizes* the need for some measure of flexibility in the application of paragraph 1 above to organizations with small budgets or small allocations for Expanded Programme activities and authorizes the Technical Assistance Board in preparing estimates for the Technical Assistance Committee to take this factor into account;

7. *Decides* to consider at its thirtieth session further financial arrangements for administrative and operational services costs.

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