

requests for statistical and other data relating to the international flow of private and public capital and for pertinent information regarding actions and measures being taken to advance the economic development of less developed countries;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present to the Council the data and related information he assembles, in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 above, in a form which will facilitate the study and analysis of total capital movements, particularly in regard to the less developed countries.

*1132nd plenary meeting,
3 August 1960.*

781 (XXX). Information on technical and pre-investment assistance

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing the importance of having readily available a full and up-to-date record of specific technical and pre-investment assistance relating to the economic and social development of the less developed countries,

Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with appropriate specialized agencies and inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations, to report to a future session of the Council on the possibility of establishing such a record in a form which will make it readily accessible.

*1132nd plenary meeting,
3 August 1960.*

782 (XXX). Meetings at the ministerial level

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that the functions of the Council, as laid down by the Charter, call for systematic and continuous consideration of the major problems of economic and social policy,

Considering its responsibility for contributing to the promotion of higher living standards and more advanced economic and social conditions throughout the world, and also its responsibility to further development of the world economy,

Considering that the attainment of those objectives makes it necessary to recognize the interdependence of the world economy and the need for broader economic co-operation between Governments,

Considering that the meetings at the ministerial level held during the thirtieth session have provided a useful opportunity for the interchange of ideas on the most important problems of co-operation and economic policy,

1. *Reiterates* the basic priority which it assigns to the economic and social development of the under-developed countries;

2. *Recognizes* that meetings at the ministerial level from time to time, under appropriate conditions and circumstances, may contribute to the advancement of the objectives of the Council;

3. *Invites* Governments of States members of the Council, taking into account the proceedings of the thirtieth session of the Council at the ministerial level, to consider and communicate to the Secretary-General, not later than 31 March 1961, their views regarding the conditions and circumstances under which it might be useful for the Council, to provide for a further meeting at the ministerial level;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, on the basis of the views expressed by such Governments and of any other consultations he may wish to undertake, to report to the Council not later than the thirty-second session his findings and recommendations;

5. *Expresses the hope* that the regional economic commissions and their executive secretaries will make an appropriate contribution to any such meeting.

*1132nd plenary meeting,
3 August 1960.*

783 (XXX). International commodity problems

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering the importance of primary commodities for the economies of developing countries and, especially, of nations achieving independence,

Recognizing the need to follow up its previous action to promote the study of measures to limit fluctuations on primary commodity markets and to remedy the harmful effects of such fluctuations,

I

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Commission on International Commodity Trade (eighth session)²³ and endorses the programme of work proposed therein;

2. *Takes note also, with satisfaction,* of the 1960 Review of the Interim Co-ordinating Committee for International Commodity Arrangements;²⁴

3. *Invites* States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies not represented on the Commission but having experience of stabilization measures, to designate observers to participate in future sessions of the Commission, in accordance with the suggestion made by the Commission in its report on its eighth session;

4. *Draws the attention* of the Commission to the work on commodities done by the regional economic commissions and by the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, and invites it to take that work into consideration in the studies it is carrying out on a world-wide scale;

II

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the resolution adopted by the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organ-

²³ *Ibid.*, *Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 6* (E/3383).

²⁴ *Ibid.*, *Thirtieth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 8, document E/3374.

ization of the United Nations²⁵ and of the opinion expressed by the Commission on International Commodity Trade²⁶ favouring a joint session of the Committee on Commodity Problems of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the Commission, on the occasion of the regular session of those two bodies in 1962;

²⁵ Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, *Report of the tenth session of the Conference*, resolution 12/59.

²⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 6 (E/3383)*, paras. 99 to 102.

2. Gives its assent to the preparation, by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, of a draft agenda for the joint session which should include, besides the study of prospective production of, and demand for, primary commodities, other matters of mutual interest to both bodies;

3. Invites the Secretary-General to communicate the draft agenda to the Council at its thirty-second session.

1132nd plenary meeting,
3 August 1960.

QUESTIONS RELATING TO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

784 (XXX). 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 twelfth report of the Technical Assistance Board²⁷ to the Technical Assistance Committee.

1132nd plenary meeting,
3 August 1960.

785 (XXX). Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance: implementation of two-year programming for 1961-1962

The Economic and Social Council

1. Decides to amend its resolution 542 B II (XVIII) of 29 July 1954 as follows:

(a) Replace in paragraph 1 (b) (i) the words "ensuing year" by "period 1961-1962";

(b) Replace in paragraph 1 (b) (iii) the words "the following year" by "1961-1962";

(c) Replace the last sentence of paragraph 1 (b) (iv) by the following:

"The preparation and review of the programme and all other necessary steps shall be carried out in such a way that the Technical Assistance Committee will be in a position to approve the over-all 1961-1962 programme and authorize allocations to the participating organizations for 1961 by 30 November 1960 at the latest";

2. Decides to amend its resolution 623 B II (XXII) of 9 August 1956 as follows:

(a) Replace the first sentence of paragraph 1 B (v) by:

"Subject to the confirmation of the General Assembly, the Technical Assistance Committee shall authorize (1) at its session to be held in November 1960, the allocation of funds for 1961 to each of the participating organizations in proportion to their share in the over-all programme for 1961-1962 and (2) at its session to be held in November 1961, the allocation of funds for 1962 to each of the participating organizations in proportion to their share in the approved over-all programme for 1961-1962";

²⁷ *Ibid.*, Supplement No. 5 (E/3337) and document E/3337/Add.1.

(b) Replace paragraph 1 B (vii) by the following:

"Any extraordinary requests submitted by a Government for modification of the programme received subsequent to the approval of the programme by the Technical Assistance Committee may be approved by the Technical Assistance Board and reported to the Technical Assistance Committee at its next meeting. Should it not be possible to effect necessary increases and decreases within the programme of the country concerned, the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board may authorize participating organizations to enter into commitments to meet urgent needs during the biennium up to a fixed percentage, set by the Technical Assistance Committee, of the estimated resources for the period 1961-1962, with the proviso that the obligations to be incurred in 1961 and 1962 should not exceed the amounts authorized by the Technical Assistance Committee for the year 1961 and the year 1962 respectively. The Technical Assistance Board shall report to the Technical Assistance Committee annually all allocations made under this provision, together with the circumstances relating thereto. The Technical Assistance Committee shall review those allocations, and make such recommendations as it deems appropriate";

3. Decides to amend paragraph 9 (f)²⁸ of its resolution 222 A (IX) of 14 August 1949 to replace the words "fiscal year in which these amounts are received" by "period 1961-1962".

1132nd plenary meeting,
3 August 1960.

786 (XXX). Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance: country programming procedures

The Economic and Social Council

Having considered the proposals of the Technical Assistance Board on country programming procedures,²⁹

Recalling its resolutions 222 A (IX) of 14 August 1949, 542 B (XVIII) of 29 July 1954, 700 (XXVI) of 31 July 1958,

²⁸ Subsequently re-numbered "8(f)", as a result of amendments contained in Council resolution 433 A (XIV) of 11 June 1952.

²⁹ E/TAC/97.