

ization of the United Nations<sup>25</sup> and of the opinion expressed by the Commission on International Commodity Trade<sup>26</sup> 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;

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

<sup>26</sup> *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 Board<sup>27</sup> 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";

<sup>27</sup> *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)<sup>28</sup> 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,<sup>29</sup>

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

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

<sup>29</sup> E/TAC/97.

and 735 (XXVIII) of 30 July 1959, on the planning and approval of country programmes,

*Reaffirming its belief* that countries receiving aid should have free choice of carefully considered programmes and projects, including the means for implementing such programmes and projects,

*Reaffirming also* that participating organizations should continue to advise and assist the recipient Governments in the planning and in the implementation of programmes and projects, and to review the technical aspects of the programmes and projects for which they assume responsibility,

*Believing* that simplification in procedures of country programming is essential,

*Considering* that such simplification can be promoted by eliminating agency sub-totals from country targets and by eliminating the present system of planning shares of the participating organizations,

1. *Approves* in principle the system of project programming recommended by the Technical Assistance Board;<sup>29</sup>

2. *Requests* the Technical Assistance Board to submit to the Technical Assistance Committee at its 1961 summer session specific recommendations for simplification and improvements on the above lines, in particular, by project programming, the elimination of agency sub-totals from country targets and the elimination of the present system of agency planning shares.

*1132nd plenary meeting,  
3 August 1960.*

### **787 (XXX). Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance: local cost 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 reviewed* the interim arrangements for assessing local costs of obligations adopted for the year 1960, and set forth in its resolution 736 (XXVIII) of 30 July 1959,

*Noting* the proposals of the Technical Assistance Board,<sup>30</sup> made in response to resolution 736 (XXVIII), for a further revision of the arrangements for assessment aimed at securing a more equitable distribution among Governments of local cost obligations,

*Believing* that a simplification and improvement of the present temporary arrangements will best be obtained if all Governments are assessed in any one year on the basis of the same percentage of the total cost of experts' services provided to them under the Expanded Programme,

1. *Decides* that for the year 1961 and subsequent years:

(a) The contribution of each Government towards the local costs of expert 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 assessment of each Government shall be at the rate of 12.5 per cent, subject to the provisions of paragraph 5 of this resolution;

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

2. *Decides* that the arrangements thus approved shall be made fully effective for all countries from 1 January 1963 and that for the interim period 1961 and 1962 the arrangements shall apply as follows:

(a) In 1961 the amount of the local cost obligations of any Government shall not increase or decrease by more than U.S. \$5,000 compared to the amount that the Government would have been charged for local costs under the scheme in force in 1960;

(b) In 1962 the amount of the local cost obligations of any Government shall not increase or decrease by more than U.S. \$20,000 compared to the amount that the Government would have been charged for local costs under the scheme in force in 1960;

(c) Governments of recipient countries where there was not a programme in 1960 shall be assessed in 1961 and subsequent years at the rate of 12.5 per cent provided for in paragraph 1 (b) above;

3. *Decides* that for the purposes of this resolution the equivalent in local currency shall be calculated at the Technical Assistance Board operating rate of exchange;

4. *Decides* that the assessment arrangements now approved shall be applied to regional projects, where the shares of each recipient Government under such a project can be clearly identified, and where the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board has reached an appropriate agreement with the Government concerned;

5. *Requests* the Technical Assistance Board to keep under review the rate of assessment of 12.5 per cent and to make a recommendation to the Technical Assistance Committee regarding a new rate if and when any change appears to be required;

6. *Decides* that the arrangements governing the provision of, and accounting for, lodging provided in kind shall be removed from the context of the local cost scheme now approved.

*1132nd plenary meeting,  
3 August 1960.*

### **788 (XXX). Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance: increase in the level of contingency authorizations for 1960**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recognizing* that there is a need for increasing assistance under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance without delay to the countries which have

<sup>29</sup> E/TAC/97.

<sup>30</sup> E/TAC/98.