

International Atomic Energy Agency and the pre-investment activities of the Special Fund, and their joint contribution to development,

Aware of the great and growing needs for technical assistance and pre-investment assistance on the part of the developing countries and the need for integrating and co-ordinating, in the interests of economy and the most effective impact, such assistance so as to increase its benefits for the peoples and institutions of the developing countries,

1. *Decides* to establish an *ad hoc* committee of representatives of eight Member States appointed by the President of the Council on as wide a geographical basis as possible, from among the members of the Technical Assistance Committee and the Governing Council of the Special Fund, to undertake with the assistance of the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board and the Managing Director of the Special Fund, a study of the further steps which may be needed to:

(a) Organize the technical co-operation activities of the United Nations, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Special Fund so as to provide greater aid to Member States, on their request, in the preparation of country development programmes, it being understood that the preparation of such national programmes, their implementation and co-ordination are the prerogative of the Governments concerned;

(b) Bring about a closer co-ordination, whenever possible, of the technical co-operation and pre-investment activities of the United Nations, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Special Fund, with the object of advancing the achievement of country development objectives;

(c) Assist Member States by providing technical co-operation services which will be most conducive to their national development;

2. *Requests* the *ad hoc* committee to explore ways and means of bringing about in developing countries a closer relationship within the United Nations system of agencies, giving special attention to the potential role of the resident representatives, so as to provide more concerted advice to countries that request it on the technical preparation and implementation of country programmes and on the technical aspects of individual parts of such programmes;

3. *Invites* the United Nations, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Special Fund to transmit to the *ad hoc* committee, prior to 31 December 1961, any comments they may deem appropriate;

4. *Requests* the *ad hoc* committee to submit its report and recommendations to the Governing Council of the Special Fund and to the Technical Assistance Committee, and further requests that any comments of the latter two bodies, together with the report of the *ad hoc* committee, be submitted to the thirty-fourth session of the Council.

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In document E/3553 of 4 August 1961, the President of the Council appointed the following countries as members of the ad hoc committee established by the above resolution: Brazil, Ethiopia, France, Japan, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

852 (XXXII). Expert recruitment and training facilities in developing countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1532 (XV) of 15 December 1960 and Council resolution 806 (XXX) of 22 December 1960,

Noting with satisfaction that countries receiving assistance are and will become able increasingly to make available both expert personnel and training facilities to other recipient countries,

Stressing that this interchange of experts and use of training facilities by countries at varying stages of development are mutually helpful,

Desiring to increase the effectiveness of the United Nations Programmes of Technical Co-operation through as wide an interchange of persons and skills as possible,

Noting that a study by the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board and the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions concerning the problem of recruitment of experts is in progress,

1. *Requests* the Technical Assistance Board and the participating organizations, when recruiting experts and arranging scholarships and training courses, increasingly to seek the assistance of developing countries;

2. *Requests* the Executive Chairman to report on measures taken under the United Nations Programmes of Technical Co-operation to broaden and increase the use of expert assistance and training facilities provided by developing countries.

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853 (XXXII). Report by the Secretary-General on the United Nations programmes of technical assistance

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note with appreciation of the report by the Secretary-General on the United Nations programmes of technical assistance.²⁰

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854 (XXXII). Country programming procedures: project programming

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 786 (XXX) of 3 August 1960 on country programming procedures.

²⁰ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-second Session, Annexes*, agenda item 11, document E/3474.

Noting the report of the Technical Assistance Board²¹ on methods of implementing the decisions of the Council in resolution 786 (XXX) to adopt project programming and eliminate agency planning shares and sub-totals from the procedures of the Expanded Programme,

Considering that the eighty-five per cent guarantee to participating organizations embodied in Council resolution 542 B (XVIII) of 29 July 1954, although intended to protect the participating organizations against sudden fluctuations in their share of Expanded Programme resources, has never in fact come into effect and is incompatible with the decision to abolish planning shares and sub-totals,

Believing further that it would be helpful to many Governments, in framing their requests for assistance from the Expanded Programme, if they were given some indication of the fields in which the participating organizations could most effectively help them, as well as of the general principles which the Council believes to be of greatest importance in the establishment of priorities for the achievement of Expanded Programme goals,

1. *Endorses*, subject to the following considerations, the recommendations of the Technical Assistance Board contained in its above-mentioned report, summarized in the annex to this resolution:

(a) Although long-term projects should be prepared and submitted for their entire duration, the period of Technical Assistance Committee approval for these projects should not be more than four years; consideration to the extension of such projects will be given by the Technical Assistance Committee only in those exceptional cases where there is adequate technical justification for such extension and satisfactory evidence of efforts being made to complete such projects and transfer the responsibility for them to the recipient Governments without undue delay;

(b) The Technical Assistance Board should exercise especial vigilance against the possibility of the Expanded Programme losing flexibility, particularly as a result of long-term projects taking up too large a proportion of the Programme's total resources and should report to the Technical Assistance Committee on this subject in respect of each programming period;

(c) The two-year programming cycle should be extended on an experimental basis for the years 1963-1964 and the Technical Assistance Committee should review the position again in the summer of 1963;

(d) In future the Executive Chairman's contingency authority should be approved by the Technical Assistance Committee for a full programming period, subject to continuing close review by the Executive Chairman of authorizations carried over from one year to the next; the amount of the authority should be subject to future review by the Technical Assistance Committee at the request of the Executive Chairman in the light of experience;

2. *Decides* that paragraph 1 b (vi) of resolution 542 B II (XVIII) establishing a lower limit of eighty-

five per cent of its share in the preceding programme for the share of any participating organization in a current programme shall no longer apply;

3. *Requests* the Executive Chairman, in determining the use of his planning reserve for the 1963-1964 programming period, to take fully into account the desirability of continuing adequate provision for the needs of the developing countries for assistance in the fields of activity covered by the World Meteorological Organization, the International Telecommunication Union, the International Civil Aviation Organization and the International Atomic Energy Agency;

4. *Invites* the participating organizations to prepare, for the information of Governments interested in receiving assistance from the Expanded Programme in 1963-1964 and subsequent programming periods, concise statements of the ways in which they can be of particular assistance to countries in the process of development, especially through technical co-operation most closely related to the Governments' own development plans;

5. *Decides* that the Technical Assistance Committee shall prepare, at its 1962 summer session, an indication of the most appropriate principles for the guidance of Governments wishing to establish priorities for assistance under the Expanded Programme.

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ANNEX

Report of the Technical Assistance Board on Project Programming

[SUMMARIZED VERSION]

1. *Introduction.* In 1960, the Economic and Social Council adopted resolution 786 (XXX) on country programming procedures. This resolution approved in principle the system of project programming recommended by the Technical Assistance Board (TAB).²² It also requested the Board to submit to the Technical Assistance Committee (TAC), at its 1961 summer session, specific recommendations for simplification and improvement of the programming procedures, "in particular by project programming, the elimination of agency sub-totals from country planning targets and the elimination of the present system of agency planning shares".

2. The present report has been submitted in response to this resolution of the Council. It also includes the Board's views on the question of the level of regional programmes, which was referred to it by the Committee last year.

3. As already stated in its first report on project programming,²² the Board recommends the adoption of project programming with effect from 1963—i.e., after the expiration of the 1961-1962 biennium, for which a programme has already been approved by the Committee.

4. *Definition of short-term and long-term projects.* As mentioned later (para. 17), the Board recommends the extension of the two-year programming cycle for another biennium covering 1963-1964. Using the programming period as the dividing line between short- and long-term projects, the Board recommends the following definitions:

(a) Any project planned to be started and completed within twenty-four consecutive months will be considered a short-term project;

²¹ E/TAC/105.

²² E/TAC/97.