

making marginal adjustments (such as increase in project costs) in their final regional or country programmes, and 3 per cent by the Executive Chairman for making adjustments in country programmes and for assisting new or smaller agencies in the development of their programmes.

Financial Matters

33. The present legislation provides for annual allocation of funds to the participating organizations to implement a programme approved on a two-year basis. All that is necessary at this stage is to extend the financial provisions relating to 1961-1962 to the 1963-1964 biennium, with appropriate change in language to take into account that the programme is planned and approved on a "project programming" basis.

34. As for "project financing", the Board feels that this question could be best reviewed at a later stage, and that, for the time being at least, changes in the financial procedures of the programme should be kept to a minimum. The Board therefore recommends the continuation in 1963-1964 of the basic financial provisions governing allocations of funds to the participating organizations as well as of the regulations on earmarking and obligation of funds.

35. The Board also recommends maintaining* for 1963-1964 the existing rules and procedures relating to contingency authorizations to meet urgent needs during the biennium.

[* NOTE. This has been modified by the Committee and, acting on the subsequent recommendation of the Executive Chairman, it has decided to establish his contingency authority also on a two-year basis.]

855 (XXXII). Allocation of administrative and operational services costs between Regular and Expanded Programme budgets

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 702 (XXVI) of 31 July 1958 and 737 (XXVIII) of 30 July 1959,

Having considered the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the allocation of administrative and operational services costs between Regular and Expanded Programme budgets,²³

1. *Decides*, as a further interim solution, that allocations from the Special Account towards the administrative and operational services costs of the participating organizations for 1963 and 1964 shall be made in the form of lump sum amounts which shall be the equivalent of 12 per cent of one half of the 1961-1962 project costs;

2. *Decides further* that the provisions of paragraph 1 above shall apply with some measure of flexibility to the International Civil Aviation Organization, the International Telecommunication Union, the World Meteorological Organization and the International Atomic Energy Agency, and that these organizations and the Technical Assistance Board shall take this factor into account in preparing their request for allocations towards administrative and operational services costs;

3. *Decides* that any portion of funds for administrative and operational service costs to which an organization is entitled, but which is not required by the organi-

zation for this purpose, shall be included in the planning reserve of the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board.

*1182nd plenary meeting,
4 August 1961.*

856 (XXXII). Co-ordination in the field

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 795 (XXX) of 3 August 1960 on co-ordination in the field,

Being aware of the problems that the diversity of aid available through the United Nations system presents to Governments seeking to co-ordinate and expand their national development programmes,

Desiring to make further efforts to assist the Governments concerned in meeting these problems and in getting maximum value from the assistance they receive by relating it to their development needs and programmes,

Reaffirming its belief that the resident representatives and the regional economic commissions have a particularly important role to play in assisting Governments in this respect,

Noting the use that is already being made of resident representatives by the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency as shown in paragraph 32 of the 1961 report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the administrative budget of the specialized agencies²⁴ and that resident representatives have been made available in the past year to a number of additional countries in Africa and elsewhere at the request of those Governments,

Noting with approval the view expressed by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination²⁵ that the central role in developing closer co-operation among the various branches of the United Nations system in individual countries will have to be played by the resident representatives on behalf of the agencies participating in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and acting on behalf of the Special Fund, and that they will need increasing support from the participating organizations to enable them to discharge the increasingly heavy responsibilities of their office,

Noting finally that the resolution on economic and technical assistance adopted by the forty-fifth International Labour Conference²⁶ stresses the desirability of strengthening the co-ordinating role of these representatives as the channel of contact with Governments concerning technical co-operation,

Believing, in view of the growing importance of the resident representatives, that stress should continue to be laid on appointing, on as broad a geographical basis as possible, persons of high calibre and with a wide knowledge of the activities of the United Nations and its related

²³ A/4599.

²⁴ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-second Session, Annexes*, agenda item 4, document E/3495, para. 31.

²⁶ International Labour Organisation, *Official Bulletin*, Vol. XI, IV, 1961, No. 1.

²³ A/4774.

agencies in the economic and social field, that increasing efforts should be made to secure such representatives and their staffs from the developing countries, and that they should be fully informed of conditions and problems in the countries which they serve,

1. *Considers* that the services of resident representatives should be made available wherever possible to countries whose Governments request them and that they should maintain appropriate co-operation with the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions;

2. *Urges* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, in consultation with the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board and the Managing Director of the Special Fund, to ensure that a high standard of representation is maintained in all countries served by resident representatives and that adequate support, both substantive and administrative, is made available to them;

3. *Reiterates the hope* that Governments to whom resident representatives are accredited will continue to make full use of their services and of the services of the regional economic commissions and, for information only, therefore, without this involving an extension of the responsibilities of the resident representatives, keep them generally apprised of their development plans and requests for technical assistance to the extent those Governments consider this useful;

4. *Requests* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, in furtherance of paragraph 3 of Council resolution 795 (XXX), to submit to the Council at its thirty-fourth session proposals by which resident representatives may, for purposes of co-ordination, be kept informed about and, as appropriate, associated with inquiries and negotiations concerning programmes of technical co-operation undertaken or contemplated by the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, whether financed from voluntary funds, including the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, the Special Fund and the United Nations Children's Fund, or from the regular budgets of their respective organizations;

5. *Further requests* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to transmit its proposals to the *ad hoc* committee established by the Council at its thirty-second session²⁷ and to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in time for the latter's May 1962 session, with a view to the comments of those two bodies being available, along with the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination's proposals, for consideration by the Council at its thirty-fourth session.

*1182nd plenary meeting,
4 August 1961.*

²⁷ Resolution 851 (XXXII) of 4 August 1961.

SOCIAL QUESTIONS

824 (XXXII). Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees with the annexed report of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme on its fifth session,²⁸

Takes note of the report prepared by the High Commissioner for transmission to the General Assembly at its sixteenth session.

*1173rd plenary meeting,
24 July 1961.*

827 (XXXII). United Nations Children's Fund

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the Declaration on the Rights of the Child adopted by the General Assembly at its fourteenth session,

Noting with satisfaction that the United Nations Children's Fund, with the objective of translating the objectives of the Declaration into practical programmes for the benefit of children, has sought the views of Governments and technical agencies concerning ways

in which the Fund might best assist Governments and under-developed countries,

Bearing in mind the valuable reports made by the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund and the executive heads of the technical agencies concerned on the "needs of children",

1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the reports of the Executive Board²⁹ and of the report of the Executive Director on "Main UNICEF trends in 1960";³⁰

2. *Welcomes* the decision of the Executive Board and the United Nations Children's Fund in encouraging Governments to undertake surveys of the needs of their children with a view to drawing up long-range programmes for child care within the framework of their over-all economic and social development plans or programmes;

3. *Welcomes further* the opportunity this development provides for programmes of assistance to be more flexibly adapted to the priority needs of less developed countries without neglecting the traditional fields of the United Nations Children's Fund activity, and the opportunity created for fuller integration of the aid offered by the technical agencies collaborating with the United Nations Children's Fund in this field, and for fuller use of the services of the resident representatives of the Technical Assistance Board;

²⁸ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixteenth Session, Supplement No. 11 (A/4771), and appendix.*

²⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-second Session, Supplements No. 13 (E/3439) and 13 B (E/3525).*

³⁰ *Ibid., Supplement No. 13 A (E/3442).*