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PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

The Economic and Social Council

Draws the attention of States Members of the United Nations to the desirability of ensuring that women have

equal opportunities with men of representing their country as delegates, advisers and experts on international commissions, committees and other similar bodies and to the special advantage of representation by women wherever social and economic problems and opportunities for women are under consideration.

*1280th plenary meeting,
12 July 1963.*

QUESTIONS RELATING TO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

948 (XXXVI). Annual report of the Technical Assistance Board to the Technical Assistance Committee

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Technical Assistance Board to the Technical Assistance Committee.⁸⁹

*1270th plenary meeting,
5 July 1963.*

949 (XXXVI). Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance

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The Economic and Social Council,

Taking into account the experience gained during the period 1961-1962 of the two-year programming cycle which was established on an experimental basis by its resolutions 785 (XXX) and 786 (XXX) of 3 August 1960 and 854 (XXXII) of 4 August 1961,

Decides to extend the two-year programming cycle for the years 1965-1966;

II

Having in mind the important role of industrial development in the economic progress of developing countries and noting the present relatively small share of projects related to industrial development in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance,

Recalling, in this connexion, its resolution 898 (XXXIV) of 2 August 1962 concerning trends in United Nations technical co-operation programmes and General Assembly resolution 1824 (XVII) of 18 December 1962 concerning training of national technical personnel for industrialization,

Invites the Governments of recipient countries, when establishing priorities for the selection of technical

assistance projects, to attach, in conformity with their over-all national development plans, special attention to the promotion of industrial development which could be accelerated, in addition to such expert services as may be required, through:

(a) The training of their nationals in technical fields related to industrial development with a view to increasing their available resources of technically trained manpower, and

(b) The training of their nationals, in particular in their own countries or within their region, through the provision of the necessary equipment and supplies together with instructors;

III

Believing that an increasing use of experts from developing countries would contribute greatly to the effectiveness of the Programme,

Invites the participating organizations in the Programme to make a greater use of experts from developing countries and requests the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board to report the progress thereon to the Technical Assistance Committee at its next summer session.

*1270th plenary meeting,
5 July 1963.*

950 (XXXVI). Allocation of administrative and operational services costs between Regular and Expanded Programme budgets

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 855 (XXXII) of 4 August 1961,

Noting that in response to Council resolution 900 A (XXXIV) of 2 August 1962 the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions is to undertake a study of the financial procedures and overhead costs of the programmes of technical co-operation,

⁸⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/3739).*

Having considered the report of the Technical Assistance Board on the question of allocation of administrative and operational services costs between Expanded and Regular programmes for 1965 and future years,⁹⁰

1. *Decides* that for the biennium 1965-1966 the allocation from the Special Account towards the administrative and operational services costs of the participating organizations shall be made in the form of a lump sum amount, which shall represent 12 per cent of the approved field programme for the previous biennium and of the amount approved by the Technical Assistance Committee for contingency authorizations during that previous biennium; the distribution of the allocation among the participating organizations shall be determined on the basis of each organization's allocation for Category I project costs;

2. *Decides further* that the provision 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, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Universal Postal Union, 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 services costs to which an organization is entitled, but which is not required by the organization for this purpose, shall be included in the planning reserve of the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board.

*1270th plenary meeting,
5 July 1963.*

951 (XXXVI). Provision of operational personnel under the Expanded Programme

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the needs expressed by some Governments for technical assistance to be provided in the form of personnel to perform operational duties in the service of the Government, as well as for expert advisers and fellowships, and until such time as national personnel can be trained to take over these duties,

Bearing in mind the basic principles set out in General Assembly resolution 1256 (XIII) of 14 November 1958, and in the corresponding resolutions of the governing bodies of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Health Organization — namely, that the purposes of assistance in this field lie in “assisting Governments . . . at their request, to secure on a temporary basis the services of well-qualified persons to perform duties of an executive or operational character, as may be defined by the requesting Governments, and as servants of such Governments, it being understood that such duties shall normally include the training of nationals to assume as

early as possible the responsibilities temporarily assigned to these internationally recruited experts”,⁹¹

Having examined the report of the Technical Assistance Board to the Technical Assistance Committee on the question of the provision of operational personnel under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, to which the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination has given a general endorsement,

1. *Authorizes*, subject to the agreement of the General Assembly, and without this prejudging the issues before the *ad hoc* Committee of Ten concerning co-ordination between the different programmes of technical co-operation, the use of funds from the Special Account of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance for the provision of operational personnel by all the participating organizations, at the request of Governments, experimentally for the years 1964-1966, and subject to further review at the end of this period;

2. *Decides* that during 1964 requests for operational assistance under the Expanded Programme be subject to the normal Technical Assistance Board procedures concerning programme changes and contingency authorizations and that recipient Governments be advised that they may, should they so wish, include requests for such assistance in their 1965/66 programmes together with requests for the types of assistance hitherto provided, and with the usual indication of the priorities which they attach to their requests;

3. *Considers* that the criteria for the approval of requests for the provision of operational personnel under the Expanded Programme shall include:

(a) A requirement that each request demonstrate that a definite and important element of training of national counterpart personnel will form part of each project and that, wherever practicable, this training be included as an essential part of the duties of any operational personnel provided;

(b) Accordance of priority to those requests, in particular, which show an established relationship between the operational assistance to be provided and other assistance being provided by the participating organizations in long-term planning;

(c) Giving consideration to those special situations in some newly independent countries which need external assistance to maintain at a minimum level basic public services during the years immediately following independence;

4. *Requests* that the Technical Assistance Board develop, as soon as possible, a standard form of agreement within the terms of General Assembly resolution 1256 (XIII) to be used in concluding agreements with recipient Governments defining the relationships which shall exist between the recipient Governments, the participating organizations and the operational personnel;

5. *Decides* that, pending the entering into force of such standard agreements with recipient Governments, operational personnel whose costs are to be borne

⁹⁰ E/TAC/128.

⁹¹ General Assembly resolution 1256 (XIII), paragraph 2 (a).