

Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions they shall be submitted with any comments which these committees might wish to make to the Intergovernmental Committee for approval.”

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1042 (XXXVII). Evaluation of programmes

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 991 (XXXVI) of 2 August 1963, which requested the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to give further consideration to the problem of evaluation to be undertaken in co-operation with Governments,

Having considered the report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination which *inter alia*, suggests that evaluation in respect of individual countries “ would perhaps best be formed of a series of limited studies, each dealing with assistance programmes capable of evaluation by a common standard ”¹⁰⁵ and that therefore pilot projects of evaluation should be undertaken in a limited number of countries in different regions of the world at different stages of economic development,

Being aware that the Technical Assistance Board during 1964 intends to take steps, in co-operation with Governments concerned, to study the functioning of the programme in a limited number of countries,

Noting the observation of the Special Committee on Co-ordination that “ it would now be desirable to concentrate constructive efforts on the implementation of concrete proposals for action so as to achieve as soon as possible, some first tangible, if limited results, ”¹⁰⁶

Reiterating the importance attached to systematic and objective evaluation of the impact and effectiveness of programmes undertaken by the United Nations as well as by the specialized agencies and the International

Atomic Energy Agency towards the advancement of economic and social progress of the developing countries,

1. *Recognizes* that any evaluation of the impact of the technical co-operation programmes and activities of the United Nations and its related agencies on the progress of the developing countries is of primary concern to these countries and can be achieved only with the co-operation of the Governments concerned;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the Managing Director of the Special Fund and the Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board, and in consultation with the executive heads of the specialized agencies concerned and the International Atomic Energy Agency, to proceed, as promptly as possible with arrangements for undertaking pilot evaluation projects in a limited number of countries, to be chosen if practicable from among the same countries selected by the Technical Assistance Board for study of the functioning of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance; such arrangements should make the fullest possible use of the resident representatives and the regional economic commissions concerned and should include:

(a) The establishment of procedures for the collection of relevant information on a country-by-country basis;

(b) The selection and briefing of small teams to co-operate with the Governments of the selected countries in the evaluation of the overall impact and effectiveness of the combined programmes of the United Nations system of organizations, in terms of performance and results achieved and, whenever feasible, in the light of the goals to be achieved through the economic and social development plans of these countries;

3. *Invites* the executive heads of the agencies concerned, and other bodies participating in the programmes, to lend their full co-operation in the execution of these pilot evaluation projects;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the thirty-ninth session of the Council a report on as many of the selected pilot evaluation projects as possible, together with observations regarding continuing evaluation machinery, based on the experience gained in the course of these pilot evaluation projects.

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¹⁰⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-seventh Session, Annexes*, agenda item 6, document E/3886, para. 57.

¹⁰⁶ *Ibid.*, document E/3946, para. 8.