

1092 (XXXIX). Evaluation of programmes

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with satisfaction that the suggestion of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination¹³⁶ for the establishment of a limited number of pilot projects in a few selected countries is being implemented,

Recalling its resolution 1042 (XXXVII) of 15 August 1964 requesting the establishment of teams for the evaluation of the overall impact of the technical assistance programmes of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency on the economic and social development of the developing countries,

Being aware that evaluation can only be effective and valid if it takes place in close co-operation with the interested Governments and with the international organization concerned;

Noting the sections of the report of the Special Committee on Co-ordination¹³⁷ pertaining to evaluation and the remarks of the Secretary-General on this subject at the 1373rd meeting of the Council,

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1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the countries which have already indicated their willingness to co-operate in the evaluation of the overall impact of the technical assistance programmes of the United Nations system of organizations in the development of their countries;

2. *Expresses the hope* that other Member States will offer similar co-operation, not only for the improvement of the effectiveness of the programmes in their own countries but for the benefit of the programme as a whole;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to communicate to the teams already in the field and those in preparation the Council's hope that they will be able to:

¹³⁶ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-seventh Session, Annexes*, agenda item 6, document E/3886.

¹³⁷ *Ibid.*, *Thirty-ninth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 4, document E/4068.

(a) Give full attention to and report on possible deficiencies and short-comings as well as the successes of the technical co-operation programmes and activities of the United Nations and its related agencies as a whole so that the recipient countries and the participating organizations can improve the effectiveness of their programmes;

(b) Utilize this opportunity to examine the extent to which co-ordination and co-operation among the organizations concerned at the country level is contributing to the overall impact of the technical co-operation programmes of the United Nations system of organizations;

(c) Make suggestions, in the light of their experience, for improvements in concrete areas of co-ordination and co-operation amongst the participating organizations as well as in the terms of reference and procedure for later teams;

4. *Invites* the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to continue to co-operate to the fullest with the evaluation teams in this endeavour both in the field and in the preparation of the final report;

5. *Looks forward* to receiving the first evaluation reports as soon as possible hopefully at the fortieth session of the Council, together with any comments which the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination would at that time be in a position to provide;

II

1. *Requests* Member States, as well as the executive heads of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board and the resident representatives to give careful consideration in the preparation of future projects and programmes of technical assistance to the Secretary-General's suggestion made at the 1373rd plenary meeting of the Council "that evaluation should become an integral part of all operational activities."

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31 July 1965.*