

present to the Council at its forty-third session, through the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, a consolidated report on existing practices with regard to evaluation of projects and programmes of technical co-operation implemented by them, with emphasis on

post-project evaluation and on the use made of such evaluation in future programming.

1443rd plenary meeting,
4 August 1966.

QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE DEVELOPMENT, CO-ORDINATION AND CONCENTRATION OF THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AS A WHOLE

1155 (XLI). Science and technology

The Economic and Social Council,

I

Recalling its resolution 1083 (XXXIX) of 30 July 1965 regarding the second report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development⁹⁷ in which it warmly commended the Advisory Committee on its second report, approved the plans of the Advisory Committee for the next phase of its work and transmitted to the General Assembly the Advisory Committee's second report as an exposition of the steps that must be taken in order to achieve the objectives envisaged in General Assembly resolution 1944 (XVIII) of 11 December 1963,

Noting that the General Assembly in its resolution 2082 (XX) of 20 December 1965 endorsed the view of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development that it would be desirable for the Economic and Social Council to initiate an international programme in order to strengthen existing programmes for the application of science and technology to development, and in order to add appropriate new arrangements so as to round out the total effort and to draw the attention of world opinion to this work,

Noting further that the General Assembly also agreed that the Economic and Social Council itself would be the appropriate body, under the authority of the General Assembly, to initiate and guide the programme, through its links with organizations in the United Nations family, the regional economic commissions and non-governmental organizations, and through co-operation with States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency,

Bearing in mind the important contribution of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency in applying the benefits of science and technology to the developing countries,

Having considered the third report of the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development,⁹⁸

⁹⁷ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 14 (E/4026).*

⁹⁸ *Ibid., Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 12 (E/4178).*

1. *Welcomes* the proposal of the Advisory Committee designed to establish a World Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development ;

2. *Endorses* the objectives for the proposed plan set forth by the Advisory Committee :

(a) To assist the developing countries to build the necessary structure of institutions (national and, when appropriate, regional) and to train the necessary skilled personnel on which the capacity of developing countries to apply science and technology to their development will depend ;

(b) To promote the more effective application of existing scientific knowledge and technology to the development of the less developed countries and, with that in view, to improve the arrangements for the transfer and adaptation of knowledge and technology already available in more developed countries ; and at the same time, to develop a climate in developing countries more favourable to the adoption of innovations in the techniques of production ;

(c) To focus increasingly the attention, and to mobilize the efforts of scientists and research organizations, in highly developed countries as well as in the developing countries, on problems the solution of which will be of special benefit to the developing countries, and to encourage co-operation of developed and developing countries to this end ;

(d) To promote a greater knowledge among Governments, the scientific community, the general public and especially young people, in developed as well as developing countries, of the needs of the developing countries for science and technology ;

3. *Urges* United Nations organizations, particularly the regional economic commissions, Governments of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, scientific and technological groups, and other interested bodies, to give priority attention to the third report of the Advisory Committee and, in particular, to the views expressed therein regarding the elaboration or intensification of actions within their competence and within available or anticipated resources, designed to accelerate achievement of the above-mentioned objectives ;

4. *Recognizes* the need for long-term planning by Governments for building the structure of policies, insti-

tutions and personnel necessary for the application of science and technology to development ;

5. *Invites* the organizations of the United Nations system concerned to prepare, for 1 January 1968, detailed statements indicating the extent to which their current or planned programmes and activities are designed to intensify and accelerate the accomplishment of the objectives set forth in paragraph 2 above, together with such pertinent financial data as may be obtainable, as well as any new proposals which they may wish to make ;

6. *Invites* the United Nations Development Programme, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and related institutions and the regional development finance institutions, in co-operation with the Advisory Committee, as appropriate, and in the light of its suggestions, to consider making available additional resources to meet requests from the developing countries for financial aid and technical assistance for projects directed towards the application of science and technology to development, in accordance with the above objectives ;

7. *Recommends* to Governments of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency conducting bilateral aid programmes that they give full attention to the needs of the developing countries for assistance in the field of science and technology ; and to provide such aid in the light of the suggestions of the Advisory Committee relating to the World Plan of Action ;

8. *Requests* the Advisory Committee to examine the statements and proposals which the organizations of the United Nations family are requested to prepare for 1 January 1968 and such other materials as may be relevant, with the objectives of :

(a) Ascertaining the range and extent of that which is being done, or which is planned, to achieve the objectives set forth in paragraph 2 above ;

(b) Identifying and drawing attention to those areas in which present or planned activities leave gaps or apparent imbalances ;

(c) Defining and elaborating in greater detail the content of the proposed World Plan of Action ;

(d) Recommending to the Council further action designed to stimulate and, as necessary, reorientate the activities of those organizations on the application of science and technology to development, and to facilitate the co-ordination of such activities ;

II

Recalling operative paragraph 5 of part I of its resolution 1083 (XXXIX) of 30 July 1965,

1. *Again invites* the Advisory Committee, in the interest of achieving the greatest possible concentration of effort and of available resources on problems of high priority, to maintain on its work programme the question of reducing still further the list of priority problems on which it has recommended a "concerted attack" ;

2. *Endorses* the view of the Advisory Committee that, when reviewing the programmes of the United Nations system, in close co-operation with the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and interested organizations, as appropriate, it should concentrate upon those activities which are directly relevant to specific problems of major importance ;

III

Concurring with the view expressed by the Advisory Committee that precise knowledge of expenditures by the organizations of the United Nations system for the application of science and technology to development is an essential condition for effective action in this field,

Requests the Advisory Committee, in co-operation with the Secretary-General and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to examine as soon as possible the problem of the measurement of expenditures by the United Nations system for the application of science and technology to development, giving particular attention to the need for more uniform criteria for the definition of such expenditures ;

IV

Invites Governments of developed countries Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency, when deciding to intensify their co-operation in the field of science and technology, to bear in mind the interest that such co-operation might present for the scientific and technological progress of the developing countries.

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5 August 1966.*

1171 (XLI). Reports of the Special Committee on Co-ordination and the Joint Meeting of the Special Committee and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1090 G (XXXIX) and 1093 (XXXIX) of 31 July 1965,

Having examined the report of the Special Committee on Co-ordination on its fourth session⁹⁹ and the report on the joint meeting held by the Special Committee and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination,¹⁰⁰

Having noted that it was impossible for the Special Committee to fulfil in its entirety the mandate assigned to it by resolution 1093 (XXXIX),¹⁰¹ particularly the task of examining in detail the work programme covering the various units of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, including those of the regional economic commissions, the Division of Human Rights and the Division of Narcotic Drugs,

⁹⁹ *Ibid.*, Annexes, agenda item 3, document E/4215.

¹⁰⁰ *Ibid.*, document E/4233.

¹⁰¹ *Ibid.*, document E/4215, para. 9.