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ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE

United Nations assistance in public administration

Chile, Costa Rica, Ethiopia, Honduras, Ireland,  
Pakistan, Spain, Sudan, Sweden and Venezuela:  
Joint draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recognizing the important role of public administration in the implementation of programmes of economic and social development,

Noting the reports of the Secretary-General and of the Economic and Social Council on the Technical Assistance programmes of the United Nations, as well as resolution 681 (XVI) of the Economic and Social Council,

Noting further that a number of Governments, with a view to improving their administrative systems, have expressed their desire to obtain temporary assistance from or through the United Nations to fill executive or operational posts,

1. Takes note with satisfaction of the results already achieved by the United Nations Technical Assistance programmes in the field of public administration,

2. Recommends that these programmes be supplemented with a view to

(a) Assisting Member Governments at their request to secure on a temporary basis the services of well qualified persons to perform duties of an operational or executive 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;

(b) Assisting, if necessary, the interested Governments to meet the expenses which the employment of these experts will involve;

3. Decides that any Government requesting such assistance should contribute towards the total cost of employment of each expert an amount not less than the total emoluments of one of its nationals performing the same duties;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to negotiate agreements defining the relationship to be established between the United Nations, the experts, and the Governments concerned, including the terms and conditions of employment of the experts;

5. Recommends further that whenever requests for assistance fall within the competence of a specialized agency, no action shall be taken without prior consultation and agreement with that agency;

6. Decides that this supplement to the United Nations Technical Assistance programmes in public administration shall be implemented on a modest scale and on an experimental basis using the existing machinery of the United Nations Secretariat and without any increase in administrative costs;

7. Invites the Secretary-General to report to the twenty-eighth session of the Economic and Social Council on the results achieved.

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