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PROGRAMMES OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL COUNCIL

Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance

Afghanistan, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Ceylon, France, Ghana, Haiti,
Italy, Liberia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines,
Tunisia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United
States of America, Yugoslavia: revised joint draft resolution 1/

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The General Assembly,

Taking note of chapter III, section XII, of the Report of the Economic
and Social Council (document A/4143),

Recalling resolution 1255 A (XIII) of the General Assembly and
resolutions 222 (IX), 542 B II (XVIII), 734, 735, 736 and 737 (XXVIII) of the
Economic and Social Council,

Bearing in mind that the year 1959 marks the tenth anniversary of the
establishment of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance,

Believing that this Programme has an important and urgent role to play in
the United Nations efforts for the economic and social development of under-
developed countries,

Noting with satisfaction the results achieved by the Programme during its
first ten years,

Noting that, in order to ensure more ample and effective results in the
future, it would be desirable to obtain larger contributions from the participating
countries,

1/ Incorporating amendments accepted by the sponsors contained in
documents A/C.2/L.418/Rev.1 and L.419.

Believing that industrialization and agricultural development are among the most important aims of the under-developed countries, and that countries in this process of development need increasing technical assistance,

Noting with appreciation that at the Pledging Conference of 8 October 1959 a number of countries expressed their intention to increase their contributions for 1960,

Regretting, however, that the resources presently envisaged for 1960 are not sufficient even to maintain the present level of operations,

1. Commends the Executive Chairman and the members of the Technical Assistance Board for the effective manner in which the Programme is being executed;

2. Takes note of the appraisal made by the Economic and Social Council and its Technical Assistance Committee, together with the Technical Assistance Board and the participating organizations, of administrative arrangements which have the purpose of achieving increased efficiency in the operations of the Programme;

3. Notes also the decision taken by the Council in its resolution 735 (XXVIII) to provide greater flexibility and longer range planning in country programming procedures;

4. Affirms the desirability of continuing to endeavour to make the fullest possible use of all available contributions consistent with the existing principles and procedures of the Programme;

5. Expresses the hope that Governments will, in accordance with their financial possibilities, continue to support the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and so contribute to the Programme that increasing resources will be available:

- (a) to undertake and execute on a sustained basis the tasks laid upon it;
- (b) to devote urgent attention to the compelling needs of newly independent countries and countries in a similar economic and social condition without prejudice to the possibility of further assistance to other under-developed countries.

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The General Assembly,

Noting that the technical assistance programmes of the United Nations after ten years of operation have become, thanks to the constantly increasing number of countries actively participating in their execution, programmes of international technical co-operation,

1. Considers that in the present circumstances the term "technical co-operation" would more accurately describe the nature of the assistance provided by the United Nations and the specialized agencies under the technical assistance programmes;

2. Expresses the wish that the term "technical assistance" may be replaced by the term "technical co-operation" to designate both the regular programmes and the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and requests the Economic and Social Council to consider the possibility of such a change and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifteenth session.
