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DRAFT FINAL ACT OF THE FOURTH UNITED NATIONS
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONFERENCE

Note by the Secretary-General. For the convenience of delegations, the Secretary-General presents the following draft Final Act of the Conference which includes a draft resolution:

1. The General Assembly, at its 451st plenary meeting of 5 October 1953, requested the President to appoint a Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds for the purpose of consulting with Member and non-member States as to the amounts which Governments might be willing to contribute on a voluntary basis towards, inter alia, the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance. The General Assembly decided further that upon the request of the Committee, the Secretary-General should arrange an appropriate meeting of Member and non-member States at which their pledges might be made known. On 7 October 1953 the Committee requested the Secretary-General to convene a meeting at which Governments would announce their contributions to the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance for the fourth financial period, 1 January - 31 December 1954. Accordingly, the Secretary-General convened the Fourth United Nations Technical Assistance Conference.

2. The Fourth United Nations Technical Assistance Conference met at Headquarters on 12 November 1953. The Governments of the following States were represented at the Conference by delegations:

(a list of the governments attending the Conference would be inserted here)

The following specialized agencies were represented:

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3. In the course of its work the Conference adopted a resolution, (resolutions) the text of which is appended hereto.

4. The Conference also took account of the fact that several Governments were not in a position to announce contributions during the Conference but that they contemplate submitting statements of the amounts of their contributions after the end of the Conference. The Conference requested the Secretary-General to communicate to the Governments invited to the Conference the additional amounts announced by Governments notified to him after the close of the Conference.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned representatives have signed this Final Act.

DONE at United Nations, New York, this day of November 1953, in a single copy in the English, French and Spanish languages, each text being equally authentic. The original will be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations who will send certified copies to each of the Governments invited to send representatives to the Conference.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

The Fourth United Nations Technical Assistance Conference,

Believing that the results so far achieved by the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance demonstrate the important contribution which the Programme has made and is capable of making in the economic development of under-developed countries,

Desirous that the Expanded Programme shall continue to play an increasingly effective role in the achievement of higher standards of living for the people of the under-developed areas,

1. Notes with satisfaction that each of the governments pledging the amounts listed in the schedule appended hereto (Annex I) has declared that it will, subject to such procedures as may be required by law, make available such amounts to the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance during the fourth financial period of its operation ending 31 December 1954;

2. Confirms the financial arrangements contained in paragraph 5 of section II of the Economic and Social Council resolution 492 C (XVI) of 5 August 1953 as approved by General Assembly resolution of 26 October 1953 (A/RESOLUTION/123);

3. Welcomes the request of the General Assembly that the Negotiating Committee for Extra-Budgetary Funds, appointed pursuant to the General Assembly resolution of 5 October 1953 (A/RESOLUTION/108), undertakes, in addition to already assigned tasks and as soon as convenient after the closing of the eighteenth session of the Economic and Social Council, negotiations with governments regarding their pledges to the Special Account for the year 1955 towards the goal to be suggested by the Council at the same session;

4. Notes with satisfaction that the Economic and Social Council, in response to the desire expressed by the General Assembly in resolution 621 (VII) of 21 December 1952, has expressed the view that, for the orderly development of programmes, it would be useful to have assured financial support for a period longer than a year, and invites those participating countries as may be in a position to do so to take steps within their constitutional limitations, to ensure the financial support of the Expanded Programme on a long-term basis;

5. Emphasizes the pressing need that governments pay promptly their contributions pledged at conferences, with special regard to previous financial periods;

6. Recommends that governments and participating agencies pay due regard to making the aims and operations of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance more widely known.
