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QUESTION OF A CHANGE IN THE NAME OF THE
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMES

Note by the Secretary-General

At its fourteenth session the General Assembly in resolution 1383 B (XIV) "expresses the wish that the term 'technical assistance' may be replaced by the term 'technical co-operation' to designate both the United Nations regular programme of technical assistance 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".

In accordance with this request, the Economic and Social Council, at its resumed thirtieth session, adopted the following resolution (806 (XXX)), recommended by its Technical Assistance Committee:

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Noting General Assembly resolution 1383 B (XIV) of 20 November 1959, and taking into account that technical assistance, through its growing extension to countries at various stages of development and through the increased utilization of the skills and knowledge available in recipient countries, has become an interchange of experience serving to harmonize efforts at development,

"Noting that the names of the regular programme and the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and their organs are well known under their present full and abbreviated titles to officials of Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and to the public interested in their activities and that any change of name might create difficulties for them in readily identifying the programmes and their bodies,

"1. Decides that henceforward the work of the United Nations in the field of technical assistance shall be given the collective name of the United Nations Programmes of Technical Co-operation, while maintaining the established titles for the United Nations regular programme of technical assistance and the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance as well as the organs related to them;

"2. Invites the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to consider the possibility of using this collective name to cover also their own activities in the field of technical assistance."
