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PROGRAMMES OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Report of the Second Committee

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1. The General Assembly, at its 752nd plenary meeting on 22 September 1958, allocated to the Second Committee item 29 of its agenda:

"Programmes of technical assistance:

"(a) Report of the Economic and Social Council;

"(b) Confirmation of the allocation of funds under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance;

"(c) Establishment of an international administrative service."

2. The present report is concerned with item 29 (a) and (c). Part (b) of the item will be considered by the Second Committee early in December 1958 and a separate report thereon will be presented to the General Assembly at that time.

3. The Committee had before it the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/3848),^{1/} chapter III, section B, and a memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/C.2/200). It also received the following draft resolutions and amendments:

Under item 29 (a):

- (i) Draft resolution by India, Italy, Mexico, the Netherlands, the United States of America, Venezuela and Yugoslavia (A/C.2/L.371, Rev.1, Rev.2 and Rev.2/Corr.1 (Spanish only));
- (ii) Draft resolution by Brazil, Canada, Libya and the Netherlands (A/C.2/L.372);
- (iii) Draft resolution by Ceylon and Poland (A/C.2/L.373 and Rev.1);
- (iv) Draft resolution by Czechoslovakia and Romania (A/C.2/L.374 and Rev.1);
- (v) Draft resolution by Argentina, Brazil, Bulgaria, France, Greece, Morocco and Tunisia (A/C.2/L.375, Rev.1, Rev.2, Rev.3 and Rev.4) (Bulgaria became a co-sponsor of this draft resolution at the 539th meeting);
- (vi) Amendment by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the draft resolution contained in A/C.2/L.375/Rev.2 (A/C.2/L.377).

Under item 29 (c):

- (vii) Draft resolution by Chile, Costa Rica, Ethiopia, Honduras, Ireland, Pakistan, Spain, Sudan, Sweden and Venezuela entitled "United Nations technical assistance in public administration" (A/C.2/L.379, Rev.1, Rev.1/Corr.1 (French only), Rev.1/Corr.2 (Spanish only), Rev.2, Rev.2/Corr.1 (French only) and Rev.2/Corr.2 (Spanish only));
 - (viii) Amendments to the ten-Power draft resolution by Argentina, the Dominican Republic and Mexico (A/C.2/L.380 and Corr.1) (English only), France (A/C.2/L.381), and Argentina (A/C.2/L.382).
4. The Committee considered item 29 (a) and (c) during twenty meetings (A/C.2/SR.530-549), from 20 October to 10 November 1958. The first seven meetings were devoted to the general debate, in which fifty-three delegations took part. The Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board and the Director-General of the Technical Assistance Administration made statements to the Committee; their statements were distributed, at the request of the Committee (A/C.2/L.369 and A/C.2/L.370).

5. The proposals submitted under item 29 (a) were discussed during six meetings (A/C.2/SR.537-542).
6. Item 29 (c) was discussed during seven meetings (A/C.2/SR.543-549). A statement made by the Secretary-General in connexion with this item was distributed (A/C.2/L.376).

I

7. The draft resolution by India, Italy, Mexico, the Netherlands, the United States of America, Venezuela and Yugoslavia (A/C.2/L.371) was submitted at the 536th meeting. By it, the General Assembly would, in the preamble, (1) refer to resolution 701 (XXVI) of the Economic and Social Council, (2) share the belief expressed in that resolution that a continued gradual expansion in the activities of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and its financial resources was desirable, (3) note with appreciation the fact that, at the Pledging Conference of 16 October 1958 and subsequently, seventy-eight Governments made definite pledges to contribute to the Expanded Programme in 1959, (4) express concern, however, over the possibility that these pledges and those which might still be forthcoming might be insufficient to allow for some increase in the Programme in 1959, (5) take cognizance with satisfaction of the decision of the Council to amend its resolution 222 (IX) to enable the International Atomic Energy Agency to participate in the Expanded Programme, and recognize that the demands on the Programme's resources might consequently increase. In the operative part, the Assembly would: (1) express the hope that the resources prospectively available to the Expanded Programme would permit a moderately higher level of operations in 1959; (2) invite Governments to continue to contribute to the Expanded Programme in amounts that will provide for the gradual expansion of the Programme; (3) request the Secretary-General to transmit this resolution to the Governments of States Members of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies.
8. During the discussion at the 537th meeting, changes in this text were suggested which were taken into account by the sponsors in a revised text (A/C.2/L.371/Rev.1). They provided:

- (a) The addition at the end of the third paragraph of the preamble of the words: "fourteen of which represent increases over their 1958 pledges";
- (b) The replacement in the fourth paragraph of the preamble of the word "some" by "an";
- (c) The replacement of the fifth paragraph of the preamble by the following two paragraphs:

"Noting with satisfaction the decision of the Second General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency to seek participation in the Expanded Programme,

"Welcoming the decision of the Economic and Social Council to amend its resolution 222 (IX) to enable the International Atomic Energy Agency to participate in the Expanded Programme and recognizing that the demands on the Programme's resources may consequently increase,";

- (d) The first operative paragraph was deleted.

9. Further changes were proposed during the 538th meeting in the light of which the co-sponsors submitted a further revised text (A/C.2/L.371/Rev.2), with the following amendments:

- (a) The addition, as the fifth and sixth paragraphs of the preamble, of the following:

"Bearing in mind the desirability of making the best possible use of all available resources,

"Noting with appreciation that efforts are being made in that direction,";

- (b) The addition, as paragraph 1 of the operative part, of the following:

"1. Expresses the hope that the resources prospectively available to the Expanded Programme will permit a moderately higher level of operations in 1959";

- (c) The addition at the end of operative paragraph 2 (now paragraph 3) of the words "and of the International Atomic Energy Agency".

10. The Committee, at its 540th meeting unanimously adopted the revised seven-Power draft resolution (A/C.2/L.371/Rev.2).

11. The Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution I annexed to the present report.

II

12. The draft resolution by Brazil, Canada, Libya and the Netherlands (A/C.2/L.372) was submitted to the Committee at its 536th meeting. It provided that the General Assembly would take note with appreciation of the activities undertaken by the Secretary-General under the United Nations Regular Programme of Technical Assistance.

13. This draft resolution was unanimously adopted by the Committee at its 540th meeting.

14. The Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution II annexed to the present report.

III

15. The draft resolution by Ceylon and Poland (A/C.2/L.373) was submitted to the Committee at its 537th meeting. Under this draft resolution, the General Assembly would, in the preamble, (1) bear in mind that the primary problem facing the less developed countries in the field of their technical resources is the shortage of skilled technical personnel, (2) take into account the necessity of making the best use of the relatively scarce resources available for the United Nations technical assistance programmes, (3) recognize that broader professional training of qualified workers in industry, agriculture, transport and in other fields would not require any considerable increase in expenses if such professional training were conducted within the framework of the middle-level professional training already existing in many countries. In the operative paragraph, it would request the Technical Assistance Board to consult both the recipient countries as well as the more developed countries as to the possibility of establishing within the framework of the normal professional training in the more developed countries a scheme of training facilities for middle-level personnel of the less developed countries and to report on this matter to the twenty-eighth session of the Economic and Social Council.

16. In the light of the discussion at the 538th and 539th meetings, and taking into account the suggestions proposed, the sponsors submitted a revised text (A/C.2/L.373/Rev.1) of their proposal with the following changes:

(a) In the first paragraph of the preamble, the words: "Bearing in mind that the primary problem ..." were changed to: "Bearing in mind that one of the primary problems ...";

(b) In the second paragraph of the preamble, the words "United Nations Technical Assistance" were inserted before the word "programmes";

(c) A new third paragraph of the preamble was added as follows:

"Noting with interest the existing schemes for training of middle-level technical personnel carried out within the work of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance";

(d) The original third paragraph (now paragraph 4) of the preamble was modified to read:

"Recognizing that broader technical training of qualified personnel in industry, agriculture, transport and in other fields could be achieved by taking advantage to the maximum possible extent of the middle-level technical training facilities existing in many countries";

(e) The operative paragraph was modified to read:

"Requests the Technical Assistance Board to consult countries, where middle-level training facilities are available, as to the possibility of taking further advantage, under the Expanded Programme, of these facilities for the training of personnel of the less developed countries, and to report on this matter to the twenty-eighth session of the Economic and Social Council."

17. At its 539th meeting, the Committee heard a statement by the representative of the International Labour Organisation concerning the activities of the ILO relating to training of supervisors, foremen and skilled workers (A/C.2/SR.539).

18. At the 540th meeting, the sponsors agreed (a) to change the third paragraph of the preamble to read: "Noting with interest the existing arrangements for training of middle-level technical personnel carried out within the framework of these programmes" and (b) to replace the word "broader" by the word "further" in the first line of the fourth paragraph of the preamble. In addition, the representative of the United States of America proposed that the revised text of the two-Power draft resolution (A/C.2/L.373/Rev.1) be amended to replace, in the operative paragraph, the words "to consult countries" by the words "to continue to consult participating countries".

19. At the request of the representative of Ceylon, the amendment by the United States of America was voted upon in two parts as follows:

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- (a) The addition of the words "continue to" was adopted by 44 votes to 20, with 10 abstentions, and
- (b) The addition of the word "participating" was adopted by 39 votes to 13, with 22 abstentions.

20. At the same meeting the Committee unanimously adopted the revised draft resolution by Ceylon and Poland (A/C.2/L.373/Rev.1), as further amended.

21. The Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution III annexed to the present report.

IV

22. The draft resolution by Czechoslovakia and Romania (A/C.2/L.374) was submitted to the Committee at its 537th meeting. Under it, the General Assembly would recommend to Governments to continue to develop international co-operation in this field through the United Nations technical assistance programmes or other multilateral and bilateral agreements, and particularly such forms of co-operation which would enable the less developed countries to obtain such technical assistance as is needed for the accelerated development of the basic branches of their economy.

23. At the 539th meeting several amendments were suggested during the discussion and the sponsors submitted a revised text (A/C.2/L.374/Rev.1), incorporating the following changes:

- (a) In the preamble the words "and significance" were omitted so that it read:

"Bearing in mind the importance of international co-operation in the field of technical assistance for economic development and promotion of welfare of the population, particularly in less developed countries,";

- (b) The operative paragraph was modified to read as follows:

"Recommends to Member Governments to continue to develop international co-operation in this field through the United Nations technical assistance programmes and other multilateral and bilateral agreements or programmes, consistent with the integrity and economic and political independence of the less developed countries, and particularly to continue to develop appropriate forms of co-operation which would enable the less developed countries to obtain such technical assistance as is needed for the accelerated development of those sectors of their economy which they consider essential."

24. At the 541st meeting the sponsors further agreed to replace in this paragraph the words "consistent with the integrity and economic and political independence of the less developed countries" by the words "being guided in particular by the principles contained in paragraphs 1 and 2 (d) (i) in the annex to resolution 222 (IX) of the Economic and Social Council", and to have the two paragraphs appear as a foot note to the resolution.

25. The Committee unanimously adopted the revised draft resolution by Czechoslovakia and Romania (A/C.2/L.374/Rev.1), as further amended.

26. The Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution IV annexed to the present report.

V

27. The draft resolution by Argentina, Brazil, France, Greece, Morocco, Tunisia, of which Bulgaria became a co-sponsor at the 539th meeting (A/C.2/L.375), was received by the Committee at its 537th meeting. When the Committee began the discussion of this proposal at the 539th meeting, it had received a revised text (A/C.2/L.375/Rev.1), under which the General Assembly would: (1) invite the recipient Governments to make wider use of the fellowship facilities available to them; (2) draw the attention of Governments to the desirability, for countries in the process of development, of establishing or developing national or regional centres of higher education for the training of specialists needed in economic development and (3) request the various services responsible for the administration of technical assistance programmes to give particular importance to projects relating to fellowships and to the establishment of national or regional centres of higher education.

28. At the 540th meeting, the Committee received a further revised text (A/C.2/L.375/Rev.2) with the following changes:

(a) The fourth paragraph in the preamble reading:

"Noting with regret the decline in technical assistance activities in connexion with fellowships in 1956 and 1957, as noted by the Economic and Social Council and mentioned in its resolution 699 (XXVI)"

was replaced by the following text:

"Bearing in mind that the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 699 (XXVI), noted with regret that there had been a certain decrease in technical assistance activities in connexion with fellowships in 1956 and again in 1957";

(b) Operative paragraph (1) was replaced by the following text:

"Reminds Governments benefiting by the United Nations technical assistance programmes of the advantages they could obtain by making wider use of the fellowship facilities afforded them under those programmes";

(c) In paragraph 2, the words "centres of higher education" were replaced by the words "educational centres";

(d) In paragraph 3, the words "the establishment of national or regional centres of higher education" were replaced by the words "the establishment or development of national or regional educational centres".

29. An amendment by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (A/C.2/L.377), proposing to add a new last paragraph to the preamble reading:

"Recognizing that, under the country-programming procedure, the decisions of the recipient Governments determine the distribution of funds by types of assistance"

was accepted by the sponsors of the draft resolution, together with a number of additional changes suggested during the discussion. The Committee consequently received a further revised text (A/C.2/L.375/Rev.3) with the following changes:

(a) The third paragraph of the preamble of A/C.2/L.375/Rev.2 was omitted;

(b) The new paragraph proposed by the United Kingdom (A/C.2/L.377) was incorporated as the fourth paragraph of the preamble;

(c) A new fifth preambular paragraph was added as follows:

"Recalling the advantages which Governments benefiting by the United Nations technical assistance programmes could obtain by making wider use of the fellowship facilities afforded them under those programmes";

(d) The fifth preambular paragraph of A/C.2/L.375/Rev.2 was changed to read as follows, becoming the sixth paragraph:

"Believing that the training of skilled personnel on the national level would be greatly facilitated if the countries in the process of development could, with the help of international co-operation have at their disposal a greater number of national or regional centres for the training in the country or region concerned of the qualified specialists needed in economic development";

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(e) Operative paragraph 1 was changed to read as follows:

"1. Expresses its conviction that the award of fellowships is one of the most effective means of training skilled personnel on a national level and that at the same time it allows for the continuation and development, on a lasting basis, of the work of experts";

(f) In paragraph 2, the word "qualified" was inserted before the word "specialists".

30. At the 542nd meeting, an amendment presented orally by the United Kingdom to the third revised text of the seven-Power draft resolution, to replace in operative paragraph 3 the words "give particular importance to" by the words "give due attention to requests for" was adopted by 35 votes to 12, with 21 abstentions. This new phrase, and several drafting changes which were proposed during the 542nd meeting, were incorporated in a fourth revised text which was received in the course of the same meeting (A/C.2/L.375/Rev.4). These changes were as follows:

(a) In the second paragraph of the preamble, the words "on the national level of skilled personnel" were replaced by the words "of high level national personnel";

(b) In the sixth paragraph of the preamble, the words "of skilled personnel on the national level" were replaced by the words "of high level national personnel";

(c) Operative paragraph 1 was changed to read:

"1. Expresses its conviction that the award of fellowships is one of the most effective means of training high level national personnel capable, inter alia, of continuing and developing the work accomplished by experts";

(d) In paragraph 2, the word "educational" before the word "centres" was deleted;

(e) Paragraph 3 was modified as proposed by the representative of the United Kingdom.

31. At its 542nd meeting, the Committee unanimously adopted the revised text of the seven-Power draft resolution (A/C.2/L.375/Rev.4).

32. The Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution V annexed to the present report.

VI

33. The draft resolution by Chile, Costa Rica, Ethiopia, Honduras, Ireland, Pakistan, Spain, Sudan, Sweden and Venezuela (A/C.2/L.379) was received by the Committee at its 544th meeting. By this resolution, the General Assembly would:
- (1) take note with satisfaction of the results already achieved by the United Nations technical assistance programmes in the field of public administration;
 - (2) recommend 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 might be defined by the requesting Governments and as servants of such Governments, it being understood that such duties would 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 would involve;
 - (3) decide 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) request 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) recommend further that whenever requests for assistance fell within the competence of a specialized agency, no action would be taken without prior consultation and agreement with that agency;
 - (6) decide that this supplement to the United Nations technical assistance programmes in public administration would 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; and
 - (7) invite the Secretary-General to report to the twenty-eighth session of the Economic and Social Council on the results achieved.
34. At its 546th meeting, the Committee received an amendment by Argentina, the Dominican Republic and Mexico (A/C.2/L.380 and Corr.1, English only) to replace operative paragraphs 2 to 7 by two new operative paragraphs whereby the General Assembly would (1) recommend that the Technical Assistance Board continue

to study the problem raised by requests for experts to fill executive or operational posts, and endeavour in the meantime to satisfy the aims pursued by the requesting countries within the framework of the Expanded Technical Assistance Programme, taking into account the comments made during the discussions at the 1958 summer session of the Economic and Social Council and in the course of the present session of the General Assembly; and (2) request the Executive Chairman of TAB to report to the Technical Assistance Committee on the results of the further study of the matter by the Board.

35. At the same meeting, the following changes proposed during the discussion were accepted by the co-sponsors of the ten-Power draft resolution:

(a) The title of the draft resolution was changed from "United Nations assistance in public administration" to "United Nations technical assistance in public administration";

(b) To specify in detail the reports of the Secretary-General and of the Economic and Social Council mentioned in the second preambular paragraph;

(c) The first part of operative paragraph 2 (a) should be modified to read:

"(a) Assisting Governments participating in these programmes, at their request, to secure on a temporary basis the services of well qualified persons to perform duties of an executive or operational character as may be defined by the requesting Governments and as servants of such Governments..."

and the second part of the same paragraph should be modified to read:

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

(d) In paragraph 3, the word "normally" should be inserted before "contribute" and the words "the same duties" replaced by "similar duties";

(e) In paragraph 5, the words "Requests the Secretary-General..." should be replaced by "Authorizes the Secretary-General...";

(f) Paragraph 7 should be amended to read:

"Invites the Secretary-General to report in detail on the progress of this experiment at the twenty-eighth session of the Economic and Social Council."

These amendments were incorporated in a revised text received by the Committee at its 547th meeting (A/C.2/L.379/Rev.1).

36. At the 547th meeting, the co-sponsors accepted two further changes:

(a) The third paragraph of the preamble should be changed to read:

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

(b) The word "normally" should be deleted from operative paragraph 3.

37. In the course of the same meeting, the three-Power amendment (A/C.2/L.380) was withdrawn, on behalf of the co-sponsors, by the representative of Argentina, who indicated that he would submit another amendment at the following meeting.

38. At its 548th meeting, the Committee received a further revised text (A/C.2/L.379/Rev.2) of the ten-Power draft resolution incorporating the amendments accepted at the 547th meeting, together with the following additional changes:

(a) Operative paragraph 2 "Recommends that these programmes be supplemented with a view to ..." was changed to read: "Authorizes the Secretary-General to supplement these programmes with a view to ...";

(b) Paragraph 6 was changed to read:

"Decides that this assistance shall be provided 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";

(c) The words "and at the fourteenth session of the General Assembly" were added to paragraph 7.

39. The Committee also received amendments by France (A/C.2/L.381) and by Argentina (A/C.2/L.382) to the ten-Power draft resolution (A/C.2/L.379/Rev.1). The French amendment provided that operative paragraph 2 should be amended to read:

"Requests the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures within the framework of these programmes with a view to ...".

40. The Argentine amendments provided that paragraph 2 (a) should be amended to read:

"Assisting Governments participating in these programmes, at their request, to secure on a temporary basis the services of well qualified persons to help attain the aims pursued by the requesting Governments, and as defined by such Governments, with regard to the improvement of their public administration, it being understood that such assistance shall normally include the training of nationals to assume as early as possible the responsibilities temporarily assigned to these internationally recruited experts;".

41. At the same meeting, an amendment submitted orally by the representatives of Ceylon and the Federation of Malaya, proposing to delete, in the third paragraph of the preamble, the words "with a view to strengthening their administrative machinery" and to add at the end of the paragraph the words "in their administrative machinery", was approved by 53 votes to 11, with 12 abstentions.

42. The Committee rejected the French amendment (A/C.2/L.381) by 40 votes to 30, with 6 abstentions.

43. An amendment submitted orally by the representative of Brazil, proposing that the word "normally" should be deleted from operative paragraph 2 (a), was rejected by 32 votes to 11, with 26 abstentions.

44. The Committee rejected the Argentine amendments (A/C.2/L.382) by a roll-call vote of 48 to 16, with 11 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Argentina, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Hungary, Mexico, Morocco, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Against: Australia, Brazil, Burma, Cambodia, Canada, Ceylon, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Ethiopia, Federation of Malaya, Finland, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Republic, Venezuela, Yemen.

Abstaining: Austria, Belgium, Cuba, Ecuador, France, Ghana, Italy, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Yugoslavia.

45. The Committee then voted as follows on the ten-Power draft resolution (A/C.2/L.379/Rev.2) as amended:

	<u>In favour</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>
<u>Preamble and operative paragraph 1</u>	62	0	12
<u>Paragraph 2, introductory phrase</u> (separate vote requested by France)	54	5	15
<u>Paragraphs 2 (a) and (b), 3 and 4</u>	60	0	12
<u>Paragraph 5</u> (separate vote requested by Ghana)	57	0	17
<u>Paragraphs 6 and 7</u>	62	0	13
<u>Draft resolution as a whole</u>	62	0	13

46. The Committee therefore recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution VI annexed to the present report.

A N N E X

UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMMES OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Draft resolution I

The General Assembly,

Having considered Economic and Social Council resolution 701 (XXVI) of 31 July 1958,

Sharing the belief expressed in that resolution that a continued gradual expansion in the activities of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and its financial resources is desirable,

Noting with appreciation the fact that, at the Pledging Conference of 16 October 1958 and subsequently, seventy-eight Governments made definite pledges to contribute to the Expanded Programme in 1959, fourteen of which represent increases over their 1958 pledges,

Concerned, however, over the possibility that these pledges, and those which may still be forthcoming, may be insufficient to allow for an increase in the Programme in 1959,

Bearing in mind the desirability of making the best possible use of all available resources,

Noting with appreciation that efforts are being made in that direction,

Noting with satisfaction the decision of the Second General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency to seek participation in the Expanded Programme,

Welcoming the decision of the Economic and Social Council to amend its resolution 222 (IX) of 15 August 1949 to enable the International Atomic Energy Agency to participate in the Expanded Programme, and recognizing that the demands on the Programme's resources may consequently increase,

1. Expresses the hope that the resources prospectively available to the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance will permit a moderately higher level of operations in 1959;

2. Invites Governments to continue to contribute to the Expanded Programme in amounts that will provide for the gradual expansion of the Programme;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit this resolution to the Governments of States Members of the United Nations, of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Draft resolution II

The General Assembly,

Having considered section V of chapter III B of the report of the Economic and Social Council,^{1/}

Takes note with appreciation of the activities undertaken by the Secretary-General under the United Nations Regular Programmes of Technical Assistance.

Draft resolution III

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind that one of the primary problems facing the less developed countries in the field of their technical resources is the shortage of skilled technical personnel,

Taking into account the necessity of making the best use of the relatively scarce resources available for the United Nations technical assistance programmes,

Noting with interest the existing arrangements for training of middle-level technical personnel carried out within the framework of these programmes,

Recognizing that further technical training of qualified personnel in industry, agriculture, transport and in other fields could be achieved by taking advantage to the maximum possible extent of the middle-level technical training facilities existing in many countries,

Requests the Technical Assistance Board to continue to consult participating countries where middle-level training facilities are available as to the possibility of taking further advantage, under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, of these facilities for the training of personnel of the less developed countries, and to report on this matter to the Economic and Social Council at its twenty-eighth session.

^{1/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/3848).

Draft resolution IV

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the importance of international co-operation in the field of technical assistance for economic development and the promotion of welfare of the population, particularly in less developed countries,

Recommends to Member Governments that they continue to develop international co-operation in this field through the United Nations technical assistance programmes and other multilateral and bilateral agreements or programmes, being guided in particular by the principles contained in paragraphs 1 and 2 (d) (i) in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 222 (IX) of 15 August 1949^{1/} and particularly to continue to develop appropriate forms of co-operation which would enable the less developed countries to obtain such technical assistance as is needed for the accelerated development of those sectors of their economy which they consider essential.

Draft resolution V

The General Assembly,

Considering that the essential purpose of international aid, and in particular of technical assistance, should be that of enabling countries in the process of economic development to be in a position, as soon as possible, to carry on their development themselves,

Considering that for this reason, and also because of the limited resources at the disposal of the Regular and Expanded Programmes of Technical Assistance of the United Nations, a considerable portion of the available resources

1/ The participating organizations should, in extending technical assistance for economic development of under-developed countries:

1. Regard it as a primary objective to help those countries to strengthen their national economies through the development of their industries and agriculture, with a view to promoting their economic and political independence in the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations, and to ensure the attainment of higher levels of economic and social welfare for their entire populations;

2. (d) The technical assistance furnished shall:

(i) Not be a means of foreign economic and political interference in the internal affairs of the country concerned and not be accompanied by any considerations of a political nature;

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should be devoted to programmes which make possible the training of high level national personnel capable of replacing international technical assistance as soon as possible,

Bearing in mind that the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 699 (XXVI) of 31 July 1958, noted with regret that there had been a certain decrease in technical assistance activities in connexion with fellowships in 1956 and again in 1957,

Recognizing that, under the country-programming procedure, the decisions of the recipient Governments determine the distribution of funds by types of assistance,

Recalling the advantages which Governments benefiting by the United Nations technical assistance programmes could obtain by making wider use of the fellowship facilities afforded them under those programmes,

Believing that the training of high level national personnel would be greatly facilitated if the countries in the process of development could, with the help of international co-operation, have at their disposal a greater number of national or regional centres for the training in the country or region concerned of the qualified specialists needed in economic development,

1. Expresses its conviction that the award of fellowships is one of the most effective means of training high level national personnel capable, inter alia, of continuing and developing the work accomplished by experts;

2. Draws the attention of Governments to the desirability, for countries in the process of development, of establishing or developing national or regional centres for the training of the qualified specialists needed in economic development;

3. Requests the various services responsible for the administration of technical assistance programmes to give due attention to requests for projects relating to fellowships and to the establishment or development of such national or regional centres.

Draft resolution VI

UNITED NATIONS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

The General Assembly,

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

Noting the memorandum of the Secretary-General^{1/} and the report of the Economic and Social Council^{2/} on the technical assistance programmes of the United Nations, as well as Economic and Social Council resolution 681 (XXVI) of 16 July 1958,

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

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

2. Authorizes the Secretary-General to supplement these programmes with a view to:

(a) Assisting Governments participating in these programmes, at their request, to secure on a temporary basis the services of well qualified persons to perform duties of an executive or operational 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 the interested Governments, as necessary, 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 similar duties;

4. Authorizes the Secretary-General to negotiate agreements defining the relationship to be established between the United Nations, the experts and the

^{1/} A/C.2/200.

^{2/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirteenth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/3848).

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 assistance shall be provided 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 in detail on the progress of this experiment at the twenty-eighth session of the Economic and Social Council and at the fourteenth session of the General Assembly.
