



Twentieth session
Agenda items 49 and 50

PROGRESS AND OPERATIONS OF THE SPECIAL FUND
UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMMES OF TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION

- (a) REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES;
- (b) CONFIRMATION OF THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS UNDER THE EXPANDED PROGRAMME OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Report of the Second Committee

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1. At its 1336th plenary meeting, on 24 September 1965, the General Assembly allocated to the Second Committee the following agenda items:

Item 49 - "Progress and operations of the Special Fund";

Item 50 - "United Nations programmes of technical co-operation

(a) Review of activities;

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

2. The Committee considered these items at its 982nd to 985th and 1002nd meetings. In considering item 49, the Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/6082); the reports of the Governing Council of the Special Fund on its eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth sessions (E/3854, E/3889, E/3996, E/4072); the administrative budget estimates of the Special Fund for 1964 and 1965 (SF/L.90, L.110); the relevant sections of the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions with regard to these estimates (A/5621, A/5796); and the reports of the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly at its nineteenth session^{1/} and at its twentieth session.^{2/}

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Nineteenth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/5803), chapter VII, sections II, III and IV.

2/ Ibid., Twentieth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/6003), chapter XI, section III.

3. In considering item 50, the Committee had before it a note by the Secretary-General (A/6083); a memorandum by the Secretary-General on the confirmation of the allocation of funds under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance (A/C.2/228); and the relevant sections of the reports of the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly at its nineteenth session^{3/} and at its twentieth session.^{4/}
4. In addition, the Committee had before it a draft resolution submitted by Algeria, Argentina, Ghana, Norway, the Philippines, Sweden and the United Republic of Tanzania (A/C.2/L.810) entitled "United Nations Development Programme"; a draft resolution entitled "Confirmation of the allocation of funds for the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance in 1966" (A/C.2/228, para. 2); and a letter dated 4 November 1965 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Second Committee transmitting a letter from the Chairman of the Sixth Committee on the question of technical assistance for international law (A/C.2/L.827).
5. At the 982nd meeting, the Managing Director of the Special Fund, the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board and the Commissioner for Technical Assistance addressed the Committee. The texts of these statements will be found, respectively, in documents A/C.2/L.811, L.812 and L.813.

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6. The draft resolution submitted by Algeria, Argentina, Ghana, Norway, the Phillipines, Sweden and the United Republic of Tanzania (A/C.2/L.810 read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 1715 (XVI), in which it set a target of \$150 million for contributions to the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and the Special Fund for 1962, and its resolution 1833 (XVII), in which it agreed to consider new targets for these programmes at its nineteenth session,

"Considering that at the mid-point of the Development Decade the rate of economic and social progress in the developing countries is still not adequate,

^{3/} Ibid., Nineteenth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/5803), chapter VII, sections II and III.

^{4/} Ibid., Twentieth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/6003), chapter XI, sections I and II.

"Recalling the statement by the Secretary-General that the target for the two programmes should be raised to \$200 million, 5/

"Having noted the statements by the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board 6/ and the Managing Director of the Special Fund 7/ to the effect that only with additional funds can the pressing needs of the developing countries be met effectively,

"Having also noted with appreciation that at the United Nations Pledging Conference on the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and the Special Fund, held on 2 November 1965, a number of Governments announced increased contributions to these programmes, with the result that total contributions are now expected to reach about \$155 million,

"Requests States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies to review their contributions to the support of the work of the proposed United Nations Development Programme, so that its budget may reach the target of \$200 million in the near future."

7. The representative of Ghana introduced the draft resolution at the 983rd meeting. The Committee considered it at that meeting and at the 984th meeting.
8. At the 984th meeting, the delegations of Colombia, India, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Liberia, Nigeria and Tunisia joined the sponsors.
9. The representative of Ghana, on behalf of the sponsors, informed the Committee that the following changes had been made in the text of the draft resolution:
 - (a) The words "still not adequate" in the second preambular paragraph were replaced by the words "still far from satisfactory";
 - (b) The words "so that its budget" in the operative paragraph were replaced by the words "so that its annual financial resources".
10. The Committee then approved the draft resolution (A/C.2/L.810), as revised above, by 73 votes to none, with 7 abstentions (see paragraph 16 below, draft resolution I).

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11. At its 1002nd meeting, the Committee approved by acclamation the draft resolution contained in paragraph 2 of the memorandum by the Secretary-General

5/ A/CONF.29/SR.1.

6/ A/C.2/L.812.

7/ A/C.2/L.813.

(A/C.2/228), by which it confirmed the allocation of funds for the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance in 1966 (see paragraph 16 below, draft resolution II).

Technical assistance in international law

12. At its 985th and 1002nd meetings, the Committee considered a letter dated 4 November 1965 from the President of the General Assembly (A/C.2/L.801), transmitting a letter from the Chairman of the Sixth Committee, drawing attention to certain points made in the Sixth Committee during its consideration of item 89, "Technical assistance to promote the teaching, study, dissemination and wider appreciation of international law".

13. In his letter, the Chairman of the Sixth Committee referred to the view expressed by the Technical Assistance Committee at its summer 1964 session "that the basic Expanded Programme for Technical Assistance legislation should not be amended to permit consideration of requests for assistance in the general field of international law, but that the Executive Chairman should be prepared as before to consider requests in specific fields of international law if they were related to economic, social or administrative development and included in country programmes in the normal way". He added that the members of the Sixth Committee who had spoken on the subject of technical assistance in international law considered unfounded the distinction drawn by the technical assistance bodies between international law projects which had a bearing on economic, social or administrative development and those which did not.

14. At the request of some members of the Second Committee, the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board gave his views on the question. He pointed out that on the whole the disposition of both the Technical Assistance Committee and the Technical Assistance Board had been unsympathetic to any amendment of the basic legislation which would formally broaden the already wide conspectus of activities in the field of economic and social (including administrative) development which are eligible for assistance. On the other hand, they had always been disposed to admit, on a pragmatic basis, that this or that project, however far-reaching its designated category, should be approved if it related to economic, social or administrative development and was included in country programmes in the ordinary way. In the case of projects of technical assistance.

in the general field of international law, the Technical Assistance Committee and the Technical Assistance Board had adopted a similar attitude. They had been reluctant to include, by formal action, a whole new category of eligible matter, but had held that particular requests in specific fields of international law, if they were related to economic, social or administrative development, and if they were included in country programmes in the normal way, could be considered. On this basis the Technical Assistance Committee had recorded its decision in document A/5791, paragraph 57. It was clear that there were many activities in the general field of international law which had a direct bearing on economic development, for example, commercial treaties, arbitration, legal regime of waterways, air law etc., and there could be no doubt that the improvement of public administration provided a wide range of opportunities for technical assistance in the field of international law. Subject to the availability of funds, there might well be a considerable increase in the technical assistance in these fields without any change in basic legislation. However, requesting Governments would themselves have to give the projects the necessary priority during the country programming operation.

15. There was a consensus in the Second Committee that the basic legislation governing technical assistance programmes can be interpreted in such a way as to permit consideration of requests for assistance in the general field of international law which were included in country programmes of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance in the normal way.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

16. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

United Nations Development Programme

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 1715 (XVI) of 19 December 1961 in which it set a target of \$150 million for contributions to the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and the Special Fund for 1962, and its resolution 1833 (XVII) of

18 December 1962 in which it agreed to consider new targets for these programmes at its nineteenth session,

Considering that at the mid-point of the United Nations Development Decade the rate of economic and social progress in the developing countries is still far from satisfactory,

Recalling the statement by the Secretary-General that the target for the two programmes should be raised to \$200 million,^{8/}

Having noted the statements by the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board^{9/} and the Managing Director of the Special Fund^{10/} to the effect that only with additional funds can the pressing needs of the developing countries be met effectively,

Having also noted with appreciation that at the United Nations Pledging Conference on the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and the Special Fund, held on 2 November 1965, a number of Governments announced increased contributions to these programmes, with the result that total contributions are now expected to reach about \$155 million,

Requests States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies to review their contributions to the support of the work of the proposed United Nations Development Programme, so that its annual financial resources may reach the target of \$200 million in the near future.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Confirmation of the allocation of funds for the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance in 1966

The General Assembly,

Noting that the Technical Assistance Committee has reviewed and approved the recommendations of the Technical Assistance Board for allocations of funds to the participating organizations in the second year of the biennial programme for 1965-1966,

1. Confirms the allocations of funds authorized by the Technical Assistance Committee to each of the organizations participating in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance from contributions, general resources and local costs assessments, as follows:

^{8/} A/CONF.29/SR.1.

^{9/} A/C.2/L.812.

^{10/} A/C.2/L.813.

<u>Participating organization</u>	<u>Allocations (equivalent of US dollars)</u>
United Nations	11,632,335
International Labour Organisation	6,236,854
Food and Agriculture Organization	14,345,907
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization	9,680,750
International Civil Aviation Organization	2,656,849
World Health Organization	9,671,578
International Telecommunication Union	1,520,072
World Meteorological Organization	1,565,247
International Atomic Energy Agency	1,091,230
Universal Postal Union	455,043
Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization	25,000
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2. Concurs in the Committee's authorization to the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to make changes in these allocations as may be necessary to provide, as far as possible, for the full utilization of contributions to the Technical Assistance Programme sector of the United Nations Development Programme, and to permit modifications to country programmes requested by recipient Governments and approved by him;

3. Requests the Administrator to report any such changes to the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at the next session after they are made;

4. Concurs in the Committee's authorization to the participating organizations to retain for operations in 1966 the balances of funds allocated to them in 1965 which have not been obligated, or transferred to another agency under the provisions of paragraph 2 above, by the end of the year.