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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR LIBYA AFTER ACHIEVEMENT OF INDEPENDENCE

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In accordance with resolutions 266 (III) and 289 (IV) of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, at its eleventh session, considered the problems of economic development and social progress of the former Italian colonies. The Council had before it a note on this subject by the Secretary-General dated 22 March 1950* and a further note dated 12 August 1950** transmitting a communication from the United Nations Commissioner in Libya.
2. In his note of 22 March 1950 the Secretary-General, in dealing with the eligibility of Libya for technical assistance, pointed out, inter alia, that the United Kingdom and France, as Members of the United Nations, were entitled to make requests to the United Nations for technical assistance under the relevant resolutions of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly in respect of territories administered by them.
3. In his communication, included in the Secretary-General's note of 12 August 1950, the United Nations Commissioner in Libya asked the Secretary-General to give urgent consideration to Libyan needs for technical assistance, and emphasized that assistance should be envisaged both for the transitional period before independence and for the longer range needs of Libya after the achievement of independence. In particular, he proposed that special provision should be made to avoid the danger that the Secretary-General might have to cease to render technical assistance to Libya during a period between

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* E/1581 and Corr. 1.1950

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the date on which Libya became independent and the date on which it became a Member of the United Nations or of one of the specialized agencies participating in the expanded programme of technical assistance outlined in Economic and Social Council resolution 222 A (IX) and approved by the General Assembly on 15 November 1949 (resolution 304 (IV)).

4. The Council considered the matter at the 413th meeting of its eleventh session on 15 August 1950* and at the conclusion of the debate adopted resolution 322 B (XI). In the final paragraph of this resolution the Council requested

"the Secretary-General to present to the fifth regular session of the General Assembly specific proposals as to the procedure which would enable Libya to continue to receive technical assistance after its independence has been achieved and before it has become a Member of the United Nations or of a specialized agency participating in the expanded programme".

5. The Secretary-General has considered the most appropriate procedure that might be followed, and believes that the objective sought by the Economic and Social Council could best be achieved by a decision of the General Assembly requesting the Council and the specialized agencies to consider Libya as eligible for technical assistance without regard to its membership in any of the United Nations organizations. Accordingly, the Secretary-General presents for the consideration of the General Assembly the following draft resolution:

"The General Assembly,

"Mindful of its resolution 289 A (IV) of 2 November 1949,

"Having considered Economic and Social Council resolution 322 B (XI) of 15 August 1950, and the proposal of the Secretary-General as to the procedure which would enable Libya to continue to receive technical assistance after its independence has been achieved and before it has become a Member of the United Nations or of a specialized agency participating in the expanded programme,

"Recognizing that Libya should receive technical assistance in the development of its economy and in the establishment of an efficient public administration, and that it should be eligible to receive technical assistance without interruption after the attainment of independence,

* E/SR.413.

"Requests the Economic and Social Council and the specialized agencies concerned to consider Libya as eligible to receive technical assistance under Economic and Social Council resolution 222 A (IX) as soon as it shall be constituted an independent State in accordance with General Assembly resolution 289 A (IV)."
