

1530 (XV). United Nations assistance in public administration: provision of operational, executive and administrative personnel

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 1256 (XIII) of 14 November 1958 and 1385 (XIV) of 20 November 1959,

Considering that the experimental programme for the provision of operational, executive and administrative personnel has proved its usefulness,

Considering further that the demand for such personnel is considerably increasing and their provision is urgently needed, particularly to meet the requests of newly independent countries,

Recalling that several Member States have centres and institutes for training in public administration, some of which have been created or expanded with the technical assistance of the United Nations,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the provision of technical assistance of an operational, executive and administrative nature;¹⁷

2. *Approves* the recommendations contained in Economic and Social Council resolution 790 (XXX) of 3 August 1960:

(a) That the provision of operational, executive and administrative personnel be placed on a continuing basis;

(b) That the Secretary-General continue to consult with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency whenever requests fall within their competence;

(c) That the financial resources for this activity be established at a level appropriate to the needs for this assistance;

3. *Recommends* that:

(a) In determining the priorities according to which requests are to be met, the Secretary-General continue to take fully into account the urgency of the needs of the requesting countries;

(b) In submitting candidates for selection by recipient Governments, the Secretary-General continue to make use to the fullest possible extent of all available sources of personnel, having regard to their qualifications and experience and to the desirability of using as much as possible persons who have been trained in the above-mentioned centres and institutes for public administration;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that due attention be paid in the operation of the programme to the training of nationals to assume as early as possible the responsibilities temporarily assigned to internationally recruited personnel and that due regard be given to this aspect of the matter in the reporting thereon;

5. *Invites* the Secretary-General to adopt the same procedures in reporting to the Economic and Social Council and the Technical Assistance Committee on the programme of provision of operational, executive and administrative personnel as he follows in reporting on the other United Nations regular programmes of technical assistance;

6. *Urges* the Governments of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency which

are in a position to supply qualified personnel to this programme to co-operate with the Secretary-General in implementing it.

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1531 (XV). Possibilities of increasing voluntary contributions to the Operational Fund of the International Atomic Energy Agency

The General Assembly,

Taking into consideration the report presented by the International Atomic Energy Agency concerning its programme for 1960,¹⁸

Taking into account the role of the Economic and Social Council in co-ordinating assistance programmes of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency,

Convinced that the programme of technical assistance has acquired increasing importance among the activities of the International Atomic Energy Agency,

Considering that the programme of technical assistance is largely financed by voluntary contributions from the States members of the International Atomic Energy Agency,

1. *Invites* the International Atomic Energy Agency to develop its programme of technical assistance to help the less developed countries in the utilization of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes;

2. *Invites* the economically developed States Members of the United Nations and members of the International Atomic Energy Agency to increase their voluntary contributions to the Operational Fund of the Agency.

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1532 (XV). United Nations programmes of technical assistance: arrangements to facilitate the prompt supply of technical assistance personnel

The General Assembly,

Noting that the Economic and Social Council's Committee on Programme Appraisals has drawn attention in its report to the growing need of international organizations for highly trained and qualified personnel and to the difficulties of recruiting them,¹⁹

Noting also that the Secretary-General, in his report on opportunities for international co-operation on behalf of former Trust Territories and newly independent States, has pointed out that, with the expansion of activities which he envisages for the new Member States, the task of recruiting will become still more difficult,²⁰

Recognizing that the value of the provision of technical assistance personnel is in general enhanced when

¹⁸ *Annual report of the Board of Governors to the General Conference, 1 July 1959-30 July 1960, Vienna, July 1960 (A/4531 and Corr.1 and Add.1).*

¹⁹ *Five-year Perspective, 1960-1964. Consolidated report on the appraisals of the scope, trend and costs of the programmes of the United Nations, ILO, FAO, UNESCO, WHO, WMO and IAEA in the economic, social and human rights fields (United Nations publication, Sales No.: 60.IV.14), para. 372.*

²⁰ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Annexes, agenda items, 28, 30, 31 and 32, document A/4585, para. 26.*

¹⁷ *Ibid., Thirtieth Session, Annexes, agenda item 6, document E/3370, and Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifteenth Session, Annexes, agenda items 28, 30, 31 and 32, document A/4589.*

it is possible to meet requests for such personnel promptly,

Desirous of drawing attention to certain measures which Governments can take to facilitate the recruiting of qualified personnel by the United Nations and its related agencies,

Bearing in mind the desirability of the recruitment of qualified and experienced technical assistance personnel on a wide geographical basis from all sources made available by all participating countries, in order that requesting Governments may select the individuals best equipped to fulfil their particular requirements,

1. *Urges* Governments of States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies and of the International Atomic Energy Agency to support and assist the efforts being made by the Secretary-General and the executive heads of the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to recruit and train adequate numbers of qualified personnel for the work of their organizations;

2. *Requests* the Governments concerned to take appropriate measures to facilitate the prompt recruitment of suitably qualified personnel for long- or short-term assignments in response to requests received through the United Nations and its related agencies, especially when a requesting Government signifies that particular urgency attaches to its request;

3. *Recommends* that for this purpose the Governments concerned consider the desirability and feasibility, within their own constitutional and administrative structures, of establishing and maintaining rosters of qualified personnel available for assignment by the United Nations and its related agencies to advisory or operational posts, or of evolving other effective means of responding rapidly to requests for technical assistance personnel, including the use of national committees;

4. *Invites* the Governments concerned, subject to their own requirements, to bring the value of service with international organizations to the attention both of their own agencies and of other bodies which may be in a position to supply personnel, and in order to overcome an important obstacle to rapid recruiting to consider measures for the protection of the seniority, prospects for promotion, reinstatement and pension rights of personnel made available for technical assistance assignments.

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1533 (XV). Confirmation of the allocation of funds for the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance in 1961

The General Assembly,

Noting that the Technical Assistance Committee has reviewed and approved the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance for the years 1961 and 1962,

1. *Confirms* the allocation 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:

| <i>Participating organization</i> | <i>Allocation (equivalent of US dollars)</i> |
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| United Nations | 8,806,838 |
| International Labour Organisation | 4,274,019 |
| Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations | 10,569,053 |
| United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization | 6,593,104 |
| International Civil Aviation Organization | 1,534,750 |
| World Health Organization | 6,912,445 |
| International Telecommunication Union | 804,465 |
| World Meteorological Organization | 636,622 |
| International Atomic Energy Agency | 768,704 |
| TOTAL | 40,900,000 |

2. *Concurs* in the Committee's authorization to the Technical Assistance Board to allocate to the participating organizations an undistributed amount of \$162,162 not included in the amount shown above, and to make changes in these allocations as may be necessary to provide as far as possible for the full utilization of contributions to the Expanded Programme, provided that such changes shall not in the aggregate exceed 3 per cent of the total amount allocated to the organizations participating in the Expanded Programme;

3. *Concurs further* in the Committee's authorization to the participating organizations to retain for operations in 1962 the balance of funds allocated to them in 1961 which have not been obligated by the end of the year.

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