

849 (XXXII). Use of volunteer workers in the operational programmes of the United Nations and related agencies designed to assist in the economic and social development of the less developed countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Recognizing that volunteer technical personnel provided in response to requests from Governments and agencies can play an important role in the economic and social development of developing countries,

Recognizing further that the use of volunteer technical personnel in groups that are international in character can assist in the promotion of peaceful relations among nations,

Noting that the funds available for technical co-operation programmes for the economic development of developing countries are not commensurate with existing needs and that volunteer technical personnel provides additional supporting assistance,

Noting also the contents of the note by the Secretary-General,¹⁸

1. Approves, upon agreement of the recipient Government, the consideration of the use of volunteer technical personnel in the technical assistance activities of the United Nations, and those carried on by United Nations related agencies with the help of the United Nations Special Fund, the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and other voluntary funds for which the United Nations is responsible, on a limited and experimental basis, subject to review and elaboration by the General Assembly;

2. Invites the United Nations related agencies to give consideration to the use of volunteers not only in their technical co-operation programmes financed with the help of United Nations resources, but also those technical assistance activities financed from their assessed budgets;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to inquire of Member States of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies whether they are willing to offer and/or to receive volunteer personnel to be used in approved programmes and projects of technical co-operation;

4. Authorizes the Secretary-General and invites the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency to make use of voluntary personnel to the extent that requests for their services are forthcoming from the Governments of the developing countries, directly or through the Special Fund, and the administrative costs can, in this initial stage, be absorbed within existing budgetary authorization;

5. Requests the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board to present a report to the thirty-fourth session of the Council on the implementation of this resolution, including therein his recommendations on the handling of administrative problems and costs;

6. Decides that the assignment of volunteer personnel to technical assistance programmes and projects of the United Nations and those carried out by related agencies with funds provided by the Expanded Programme of

Technical Assistance, the Special Fund and other voluntary funds of the United Nations shall be subject to the principles listed in the attached annex.

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ANNEX

Principles governing the use and assignment of volunteer technical personnel

1. The services of volunteers shall be utilized only in connexion with programmes and projects certified as eligible for the assignment of volunteer personnel by the executing agencies. Volunteers shall not be placed at the Headquarters of the United Nations or its related agencies in any established posts.

2. No volunteers shall be sent to a country without prior approval of the receiving country, and any such volunteer may remain only with the permission of such country.

3. The final decision for the assignment of volunteers to specific programmes and projects shall rest with the executing agency and the recipient country.

4. Volunteer personnel will be required to take a United Nations oath of office and be subject to the appropriate staff rules and regulations of the executing agency. They will be subject to the authority of the executive head of the executing agency and his representatives in the field.

5. The acceptance of a volunteer will confer upon him the legal status of an international civil servant and both offering and receiving countries shall undertake to respect this status.

6. The Government providing volunteer personnel shall be responsible for all identifiable costs as maintenance allowances, insurance, costs of transportation to the place of assignment (as appropriate via the headquarters of the executing agencies).

850 (XXXII). Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance: annual report of the Technical Assistance Board to the Technical Assistance Committee

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Technical Assistance Board to the Technical Assistance Committee.¹⁹

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851 (XXXII). Co-ordination of technical assistance activities

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that the establishment of national economic and social development programmes is one of the key factors in the identification of country development objectives, priorities and possibilities, and that the United Nations system can mobilize and apply its resources in the most effective manner to assist Member States to this end,

Recognizing the importance of the interrelationship between the Technical Co-operation Programmes of the United Nations and specialized agencies and the

¹⁸ E/TAC/109.

¹⁹ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-second Session, Supplement No. 5 (E/3471).

International Atomic Energy Agency and the pre-investment activities of the Special Fund, and their joint contribution to development,

Aware of the great and growing needs for technical assistance and pre-investment assistance on the part of the developing countries and the need for integrating and co-ordinating, in the interests of economy and the most effective impact, such assistance so as to increase its benefits for the peoples and institutions of the developing countries,

1. *Decides* to establish an *ad hoc* committee of representatives of eight Member States appointed by the President of the Council on as wide a geographical basis as possible, from among the members of the Technical Assistance Committee and the Governing Council of the Special Fund, to undertake with the assistance of the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board and the Managing Director of the Special Fund, a study of the further steps which may be needed to:

(a) Organize the technical co-operation activities of the United Nations, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Special Fund so as to provide greater aid to Member States, on their request, in the preparation of country development programmes, it being understood that the preparation of such national programmes, their implementation and co-ordination are the prerogative of the Governments concerned;

(b) Bring about a closer co-ordination, whenever possible, of the technical co-operation and pre-investment activities of the United Nations, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Special Fund, with the object of advancing the achievement of country development objectives;

(c) Assist Member States by providing technical co-operation services which will be most conducive to their national development;

2. *Requests* the *ad hoc* committee to explore ways and means of bringing about in developing countries a closer relationship within the United Nations system of agencies, giving special attention to the potential role of the resident representatives, so as to provide more concerted advice to countries that request it on the technical preparation and implementation of country programmes and on the technical aspects of individual parts of such programmes;

3. *Invites* the United Nations, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Special Fund to transmit to the *ad hoc* committee, prior to 31 December 1961, any comments they may deem appropriate;

4. *Requests* the *ad hoc* committee to submit its report and recommendations to the Governing Council of the Special Fund and to the Technical Assistance Committee, and further requests that any comments of the latter two bodies, together with the report of the *ad hoc* committee, be submitted to the thirty-fourth session of the Council.

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In document E/3553 of 4 August 1961, the President of the Council appointed the following countries as members of the ad hoc committee established by the above resolution: Brazil, Ethiopia, France, Japan, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Arab Republic, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

852 (XXXII). Expert recruitment and training facilities in developing countries

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1532 (XV) of 15 December 1960 and Council resolution 806 (XXX) of 22 December 1960,

Noting with satisfaction that countries receiving assistance are and will become able increasingly to make available both expert personnel and training facilities to other recipient countries,

Stressing that this interchange of experts and use of training facilities by countries at varying stages of development are mutually helpful,

Desiring to increase the effectiveness of the United Nations Programmes of Technical Co-operation through as wide an interchange of persons and skills as possible,

Noting that a study by the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board and the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions concerning the problem of recruitment of experts is in progress,

1. *Requests* the Technical Assistance Board and the participating organizations, when recruiting experts and arranging scholarships and training courses, increasingly to seek the assistance of developing countries;

2. *Requests* the Executive Chairman to report on measures taken under the United Nations Programmes of Technical Co-operation to broaden and increase the use of expert assistance and training facilities provided by developing countries.

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853 (XXXII). Report by the Secretary-General on the United Nations programmes of technical assistance

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note with appreciation of the report by the Secretary-General on the United Nations programmes of technical assistance.²⁰

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854 (XXXII). Country programming procedures: project programming

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 786 (XXX) of 3 August 1960 on country programming procedures,

²⁰ *Ibid.*, Thirty-second Session, Annexes, agenda item 11, document E/3474.