

**A/RES/723 (VIII). Technical assistance in public administration**

*The General Assembly,*

*Noting* that the programme of activities and the organizational arrangements developed by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Economic and Social Council in response to General Assembly resolution 246 (III) of 4 December 1948, and placed on a continuing basis in accordance with General Assembly resolution 518 (VI) of 12 January 1952, are no longer adequately covered by the terms of resolution 246 (III),

*Noting further* that the aforementioned activities now form an integral part of a wider programme of assistance to governments in the field of public administration, including aspects other than training,

*Recognizing* the increasingly important role of governmental administration in programmes for the promotion of economic development and social welfare,

1. *Approves* a revised United Nations programme in public administration comprising:

(a) The provision, at the request of governments, of technical assistance related to public administration, including training for public service, through:

- (i) The advisory services of experts;
- (ii) Fellowships and scholarships;
- (iii) Training institutes, seminars, conferences, working groups and other means;
- (ii) The provision of technical publications;

(b) The collection, analysis and exchange of technical information in the field of public administration, in collaboration, where appropriate, with the International Institute of Administrative Sciences and other appropriate institutions, and assistance to governments to promote, by all suitable means, sound public administration, in relation to economic and social development;:

2. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to continue to include in the budgetary estimates of the United Nations the funds necessary for carrying out an effective operational programme based on the provision of the above services and, in addition, to finance such activities from funds made available from the United Nations Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, provided that, in the latter case, such assistance is related to the economic development of under-developed countries;

3. *Reaffirms* the principle by which each requesting government shall continue to be expected to assume responsibility, as far as possible, for all or part of the expenses connected with the services furnished to it;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report regularly to the Economic and Social Council on activities carried on under this programme.

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23 October 1953.*