

(a) To request towns which have prepared plans for town twinning co-operation or other forms of inter-municipal co-operation to forward their plans to their Governments for them to consider when submitting requests to the United Nations Development Programme for assistance;

(b) To be prepared to assist in the implementation of the projects once they have been approved;

3. *Recommends* the United Nations Development Programme to bear in mind the experience of such non-governmental organizations when arranging for the implementation of such projects.

*174th plenary meeting,
1 June 1967.*

1199 (XLII). United Nations programme in public administration

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 200 (III) and 246 (III) of 4 December 1948, 356 (IV) of 10 December 1949, 518 (VI) of 12 January 1952, 723 (VIII) of 23 October 1953, 1256 (XIII) of 14 November 1958 and 1530 (XV) of 15 December 1960,

Recalling also its own resolutions 132 (VI) of 24 February 1948, 253 (IX) of 28 July 1949, 399 (XIII) of 1 September 1951, 492 B (XVI) of 20 August 1953, 791 (XXX) of 3 August 1960, 907 (XXXIV) of 2 August 1962 and 987 (XXXVI) of 2 August 1963,

Recalling further its resolution 1152 (XLI) of 4 August 1966 and General Assembly resolution 2218 B (XXI) of 19 December 1966 on the United Nations Development Decade,

Having examined the report of the meeting of experts on the United Nations programme in public administration,⁸⁶

Conscious of the need for trained national public administrators in many developing countries,

Convinced that the United Nations system of organizations and the non-governmental organizations concerned can make a valuable contribution to the promotion of more effective public administration,

Noting with satisfaction that significant progress has been achieved in co-ordination and co-operation among the United Nations and specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations concerned in the field of public administration,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the report of the meeting of experts as a valuable contribution to the further elaboration of a programme of assistance in the field of public administration;

2. *Decides* that public administration should be accorded an appropriate place in planning for the period following the United Nations Development Decade and, to this end, requests the Secretary-General to elaborate more specific objectives and programmes in this field, in close collaboration with the specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations concerned;

3. *Takes note* of the plans of the Secretary-General to raise the status of the Public Administration Branch

to that of a division, and his related programme for 1968 for providing all necessary support for the work of that division;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consider, as appropriate and feasible, the out-posting of qualified staff to the regional economic commissions and to the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut, and to give immediate consideration to the most appropriate means of effectively implementing the provision in General Assembly resolution 723 (VIII) for the collection, analysis and exchange of technical information in the field of public administration, reporting thereon to an early session of the Economic and Social Council;

5. *Invites* the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme to give sympathetic consideration to requests for assistance from developing countries, especially in those aspects of public administration to which attention has been drawn in the report of the meeting of experts;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General in formulating his annual proposals for the regular programme of technical assistance under part V of the United Nations budget to maintain the level for inter-regional and regional programmes in public administration at least at the level attained when there was a separate section for public administration in the budget;

7. *Decides* that the United Nations programme in public administration should from time to time be reviewed by a meeting of experts, taking into account the public administration aspects of all programmes of the United Nations system, and that their report should be submitted for consideration to the Economic and Social Council.

*1467th plenary meeting,
24 May 1967.*

1231 (XLII). Amendment of rules 15, 17 and 18 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council,

Decides to amend the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council as follows:

(a) Rule 15 to read as follows: "Each year, at the commencement of its first meeting, the commission shall elect a Chairman and one or more Vice-Chairmen, and other officers, from among its members.";

(b) Rule 17 to read as follows: "If the Chairman is unable to be present at a meeting or any part thereof, he shall designate one of the Vice-Chairmen to act in his place.";

(c) Rule 18 to read as follows: "If the Chairman ceases to be a member of the commission or resigns or is incapacitated, one of the Vice-Chairmen, in the English alphabetical order of the countries they represent, shall take his place. If no Vice-Chairman is able to serve, the commission shall elect another Chairman."

*1479th plenary meeting,
6 June 1967.*

⁸⁶ E/4296-ST/TAO/M/38.