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## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Draft resolution approved by Committee II on 25 May 1957The Economic Commission for Latin AmericaMindful of the importance of technical assistance for the economic development of the Latin American countries;Considering:

(a) That the experience of the Governments of the Latin American countries suggests that studies and research on the economic development process and the provision of technical assistance of the United Nations, activities which in Latin America are incumbent upon ECLA and the Technical Assistance Administration, respectively, must be carefully co-ordinated if the countries concerned are to obtain the maximum benefit from the limited financial resources available;

(b) That the financial resources currently at the disposal of the organizations participating in the Technical Assistance Programme are not sufficient to cover all the projects applied for by the various Governments concerned;

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(c) That, for this reason, it is of the greatest importance that the projects undertaken should be those most advantageous to the economic development of the countries receiving technical assistance;

(d) That, in order to ensure efficient selection and execution of technical assistance projects, it is desirable for the recipient Governments to have the opportunity of utilizing the knowledge and experience acquired by the secretariat in relation to the economic development problems of the countries concerned;

(e) That, on many previous occasions, in resolutions adopted at the sessions of the Commission or of the Committee of the Whole, the Commission has suggested to the Secretary-General the advantages that would accrue from utilizing as fully and actively as possible the services of the secretariat (see resolution dated 20 June 1950 (E/CN.12/192), reaffirmed in paragraph 4 of resolution 12 (IV) of 16 June 1951; resolution 39 (AC.16), of 14 February 1952; resolution 85 (VI) of 15 September 1955; and, lastly resolution 110 (AC.34) of 14 May 1956, which expresses satisfaction at the initiation of the experiment in decentralizing the Technical Assistance Administration services).

(f) That the Secretary-General of the United Nations is currently conducting a study of the results of the experimental decentralization of the Technical Assistance Administration.

1. Takes note with satisfaction

(a) Of the document Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance: assistance rendered to the countries and territories of Latin America during 1956 (E/CN.12/444), prepared by the Technical Assistance Board;

(b) Of the document Technical Assistance Activities in the ECLA region (E/CN.12/432), prepared by the Technical Assistance Administration;

(c) Of the document Report on the Joint ECLA/TAA Economic Development Training Programme (E/CN.12/433), prepared by the secretariat;

(d) Of that part of the document Progress report by the Executive Secretary (E/CN.12/445), which relates to the collaboration of the secretariat with the decentralized units of the Technical Assistance Administration;

2. Expresses its gratitude to the General Assembly for having authorized the decentralization of the Technical Assistance Administration services on an experimental basis;

3. Considers that, according to the experience of a large number of countries, during the brief period in which the Technical Assistance Administration has enjoyed the collaboration of the secretariat of the Commission, the efficiency of the Technical Assistance Programme in Latin America has considerably increased;

4. Expresses its interest in the continuation of the experiment in the decentralization of technical assistance in Latin America;

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5. Requests the Secretary-General to take into account, in evaluating the experimental decentralization of the Technical Assistance Administration services, the views of the Latin American Governments receiving such assistance, giving due weight to the results of the decentralization of technical assistance operations in Latin America.