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Resolution 124 (VII)

SOCIAL ASPECTS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (E/CN.12/465)

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Considering :

(a) That it is highly desirable to bear in mind the social aspects of economic development as well as the economic problems proper,

(b) That, as is stated in resolution 82 (VI) adopted on 15 September 1955, the improvement of human conditions, the standard of living and the welfare of the peoples of the American continent are of fundamental concern to the member Governments,

(c) That, although the foregoing concepts are clearly recognized by the secretariat of the Commission, as can be seen from some of the documents presented, it would be desirable for the secretariat to extend its sphere of action in this connexion,

Takes note with satisfaction of the secretariat study on the Social Aspects of Economic Development (E/CN.12/437);

Recommends :

1. That these activities be conducted as an organic whole in co-ordination with other United Nations organizations and the Organization of American States, in so far as their respective terms of reference permit, with a view to furthering the economic and social progress of Latin America;

2. That, nevertheless, the greatest effort be concentrated, as far as possible, on studies and activities directly relating to economic development;

3. That, in cases where Governments so request, assistance be given in the preparation of guiding principles or plans for research in the social field which are consistent with ECLA's over-all view of the country's economy and which may thus lead to significant conclusions with respect to the planning or more thorough interpretation of the country's economy;

Deems it to be understood that the secretariat will undertake to establish the procedures for implementing the type of advice contemplated in the present proposal.

27 May 1957.

Resolution 125 (VII)

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (E/CN.12/466)

The Economic Commission for Latin America,

Mindful 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 Board 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,

(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 their economic development problems,

(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)⁴¹ 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 progress report by the Executive Secretary (document 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;

⁴¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, eleventh session, Supplement No. 9, p. 15.*