Agenda item 24
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THE PRINCIPLES TO GOVERN THE PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
BY THE AGENCY

For the convenience of the General Conference in its discussion of this
item, the text of a decision on the subject taken by the Board of Governors on
15 September 1959 is reproduced below from document GC(III)/86, annex I.

Interim principles to govern the provision of experts,
equipment and supplies for technical assistance projects

The Board decided:

1. To agree provisionally on the following interim principles to govern the
   provision of experts, equipment and supplies for technical assistance projects
during 1960:

   (a) Two time limits should be set - namely the end of January
       and the end of May - for the receipt of requests to enable
       the Board to consider them within the framework of the annual
       programme; and 60 per cent of the Agency’s estimated
       technical assistance funds should be allocated to projects
       submitted by the end of January;

   (b) When approving projects extending over several years, the
       Board should act on the understanding that the financial
       implications of such projects would be subject to review in
       each ensuing year with due regard to the need for priority
       for such projects; and
(o) Taking into consideration the total estimated resources available to the Agency for expenditure on the provision of experts, equipment and supplies during 1960, and in the light of the pattern of the requests received, the Board will consider all technical assistance requests with a view to ensuring an appropriate balance between:

(i) The provision of experts; and
(ii) The provision of equipment and supplies insofar as they form an integral part of a technical assistance project.

2. To agree provisionally that in order to provide a gradual transition to a procedure whereby requests for projects to be approved for the programme in any year should be submitted by 30 January of the preceding year, requests falling within the programme for the year 1961 should be submitted in outline by 30 January 1960 and in a complete form by 10 July 1960.