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FINANCING OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Report of the Programme, Technical and Budget Committee

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1. At its one hundred and sixth meeting on 20 September 1974 the Committee considered item 14 of the agenda - Financing of technical assistance. It had before it a note by the Board of Governors^{1/} and a draft resolution on the financing of technical assistance presented jointly by the delegations of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, the Arab Republic of Egypt, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Lebanon, Mexico, the Netherlands, Pakistan, the Philippines, Thailand, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay and the Republic of Zaire^{2/}.
2. Several delegations expressed their appreciation of the report by the Director General on his study of the financing of technical assistance annexed to the note by the Board. Many delegations stressed the need to meet technically sound requests for assistance and proposed that the Board should be requested to continue its review of all aspects of the Agency's technical assistance programme.
3. The Committee accordingly recommends the General Conference to adopt the draft resolution annexed hereto.

1/ GC(XVIII)/529 and Corr.1.

2/ GC(XVIII)/COM.1/121 and Mod.1.

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THE FINANCING OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The General Conference,

- (a) Noting with appreciation the report by the Director General on his study of the financing of technical assistance, as presented to it by the Board of Governors^{1/},
- (b) Noting further the Board's view on the matter, and
- (c) Recognizing the importance of technical assistance to all Member States and the necessity to give to it the same attention as the other main functions of the Agency,

Requests the Board of Governors:

- (a) To keep under continuing review all aspects of the Agency's technical assistance programme, in order to ensure its satisfactory accomplishment, bearing in mind that the practice of financing the provision of technical assistance from voluntary contributions to the General Fund will have to be continued until some alternative mode of financing can be decided upon; and
- (b) To take into account, among other things, as the Board has proposed, the need to meet technically sound requests for assistance received from developing Member States as well as the need to compensate for such factors as inflation and fluctuations in exchange rates, in considering annually the level of the target for voluntary contributions for the following year.

^{1/} Under cover of the note in document GC(XVIII)/529/Corr.1; the report is annexed to document GC(XVIII)/529.

