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THE FINANCING OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Report by the Board of Governors

1. In 1989, the General Conference, by resolution GC(XXXIII)/RES/514, requested the Board of Governors to report annually to it on the actions taken with regard to the implementation of its resolution GC(XXV)/RES/388, by which the Conference in 1981 requested the Board to:

- (a) take the necessary measures so that technical assistance is funded through the Regular Budget of the Agency or through other comparably predictable and assured resources,
- (b) take appropriate steps so that technical assistance funds are increased in order to respond adequately to meet increasing financial requirements for the maximum possible number of technically sound projects and to enable progress in technical assistance to keep pace with the progress in other main activities of the Agency, and

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(c) report to the General Conference at its twenty--sixth regular session and annually thereafter on the actions taken with regard to the implementation of these requests and on the actions proposed for the following years.

2. At the meeting of the Board on 2 October 1989, following the close of the General Conference's thirty--third regular session, the Chairman of the Board stated that he expected to report to the Board on this subject in September 1990. In November 1989, as requested by the General Conference, the Director General transmitted the records of the discussion under the item "The financing of technical assistance" in the Conference's Committee of the Whole to the Board's Technical Assistance and Co--operation Committee. There was, however, no discussion of this matter in the Committee.

3. An item entitled "The financing of technical assistance" was placed on the agenda for the Board's session in June 1990, when the Chairman of the Board reported on the consultations which he had held since the 1989 regular session of the General Conference.

4. The Chairman reported that, since agreement had been reached in 1988 on Indicative Planning Figures to serve as a basis for fixing targets for voluntary contributions to the Technical Assistance and Co--operation Fund for the years 1990, 1991 and 1992, the focus of his consultations this year had again been on the wider aspect of the terms of General Conference resolution GC(XXV)/RES/388.

5. The Chairman also reported that his consultations had revealed no substantive change in the positions held by delegations as reported to the Conference last year.^{1/} There were still those members who believed that the Agency's technical assistance and co--operation programme should be financed in whole or in part (at least 25 per cent of it) from the Regular Budget and those who were of the view that voluntary contributions should continue to be the basis for the programme. Also, the desirability of assured long--term financing for technical co--operation had continued to be stressed.

^{1/} See document GC(XXXIII)/878.

6. The Board's discussion confirmed the picture given by the Chairman of the Board in his report.

7. The Board agreed to continue its efforts directed towards the implementation of General Conference resolution GC(XXV)/RES/388.

8. The summary record of the Board's discussion in June 1990 on the matter of technical assistance financing will be issued as an Addendum hereto.

