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Statement by Mr. W. B. Nesbitt, Chairman of the Delegation
in the Second Committee, December 9, 1960

Mr. Chairman:

It gives me great satisfaction to introduce resolution A/C.2/L.532 to this Committee, since although it may be less far-reaching in its implications than some of the other resolutions which the Committee has dealt with at this session, my Delegation believes that, if adopted, it would significantly stimulate the future growth and development of the United Nations programmes of technical assistance.

The various technical assistance programmes which have developed within the United Nations framework have become important factors in the economic development of less-developed countries. As distinguished Delegates know, over the years several thousand experts have served in a great variety of fields of activity in most of the member countries of the United Nations and its related agencies. The demand for the services of highly-qualified personnel has been growing steadily and there is every reason to believe that it will continue to grow. It is for this reason that we believe that governments of countries which are able to supply such people should be encouraged to consider ways and means of making their recruitment easier and quicker, and in this way to prepare themselves to respond to the demand as it develops.

Many of the countries represented here have supplied experts for United Nations assignments in other countries and most have made use of the services of such experts. All are undoubtedly well aware of the difficulties that are encountered in finding suitable people for such assignments. The demand for special skills is growing in developed and less-developed countries alike, and even when people with the qualifications needed for a specific job are found it is not always easy to obtain their release from their