

about \$30 million. The Technical Assistance Conference is to be convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, probably in mid-March 1950, to receive statements concerning contributions and to discuss the manner in which amounts from the Technical Assistance Fund are to be allocated to various specialized agencies, and to consider financial arrangements generally.

3. At the Conference, delegates will be invited to indicate as definitely as possible whether their governments will contribute and in what amount. Australia, New Zealand and a few other delegations have indicated that definite amounts have already been approved for contribution by their governments. The United Kingdom and France have stated that they will make substantial contributions in services and in non-transferable funds. President Truman, in his inaugural speech of January 20, 1949, and on several subsequent occasions, has stated that the United States will strongly support a programme of technical assistance for economic development.

4. Contributions may be in forms other than convertible currency. Consideration might be given to a Canadian contribution which would consist of a deposit in an account in Canada to the credit of the United Nations, withdrawals to be made from time to time for such purposes as may be agreed upon by the Secretary-General and the Canadian Government.

5. General instructions are now being drafted for the guidance of the Canadian delegation to the Economic and Social Council which begins February 7, 1950. Furthermore, the participating Specialized Agencies are beginning to make plans preparatory to the implementation of the Technical Assistance Programme. Accordingly, I have felt that it would be desirable to bring the subject before you at this time in order that Cabinet may be fully informed on this subject and may indicate its general support of the Expanded Programme for Technical Assistance.<sup>73</sup>

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MEMORANDUM ON EXPANDED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME

1. The primary purpose of the Expanded Technical Assistance Programme is to improve general economic and social conditions in under-developed countries. The proposal is not to provide relief, but to help these people help themselves.

2. Under-developed countries may be defined as countries in which the economy is generally of low productivity and where an extremely low standard of living prevails amongst the mass of the population. In particular, three countries of the Commonwealth, India, Pakistan and Ceylon, can be considered to be among the under-developed countries.

3. The methods of providing Technical Assistance include the following:

<sup>73</sup> Le Cabinet nota ce rapport et approuva la participation du Canada à la conférence des Nations Unies sur l'aide technique.

The Cabinet noted this report and approved Canada's participation in the U.N. Technical Assistance Conference.