

2. In view of this strong and continuing drive towards industrialization on the part of the "under-developed countries", it would be an obvious advantage to Canada that advanced students from these regions should become familiar with Canadian methods and equipment.

3. If a programme of this kind could be successfully worked out, it would be a genuine and valuable contribution to international understanding.

4. The Canadian Government would incur no financial obligation by co-operating in the project, since the expenses would be borne jointly by the U.N. and the governments which nominate Fellows.

5. Officers of the Departments which deal with the various types of technical work in question have been consulted and have indicated that it would be possible to make arrangements to receive a limited number of Fellows for short courses in technical training.

Recommendations

It is recommended:

1. That the Secretary-General be informed that the Canadian Government is prepared to co-operate in carrying out this programme;

2. that in view of the number of other Government agencies which would be concerned, including the Civil Service Commission, the Department of External Affairs should be responsible for the co-ordination of the necessary arrangements.⁷²

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*Memorandum from Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Cabinet*

SECRET

Ottawa, December 20, 1949

On November 16, 1949, the General Assembly of the United Nations unanimously approved a resolution providing for an expanded programme of technical assistance for the economic development of under-developed countries. For the information of Cabinet, the attached memorandum has been prepared describing the purposes and mode of operation of the proposed Technical Assistance Programme, together with some of the reasons why a financial contribution from Canada may be recommended for your consideration at a later date.

2. The General Assembly resolution requests that all member governments make voluntary contributions to the Technical Assistance Fund. No objective has been set but the Canadian delegation estimates that the total amount of contributions will be

⁷² Le Cabinet approuva en principe cette recommandation, le 3 mai 1949.
Cabinet approved this recommendation in principle on May 3, 1949.