

8. The political divisions and the Economic Division have been consulted and are in agreement with these suggestions.

9. I should appreciate your views on the proposals contained in this memorandum.⁷¹

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UNITED NATIONS FELLOWSHIPS UNDER A PROGRAMME OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Background

Resolution 200 (III), adopted by the General Assembly at the First Part of the Third Session, authorized the Secretary-General, among other things, to arrange for facilities for the training abroad of experts in under-developed countries through the provision of fellowships for study in countries which have reached a high level of technical development. The Secretary-General has now enquired whether the Canadian Government would be prepared to receive a small number of U.N. Fellows into the appropriate Departments of Government for short periods of technical training lasting from three to six months. The subjects included in the programme cover a wide range from medicine to statistical methods.

Considerations

1. Technical assistance in economic development has become a subject of rapidly increasing importance in the U.N. Point Four of President Truman's inaugural address, in which he indicated that the United States was prepared, through the U.N. and specialized agencies, to do much to make U.S. technological advances generally accessible, has intensified interest in the subject.

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

⁷¹ Les pays élus furent le Canada, la Tchécoslovaquie, l'Iran, le Mexique, le Pakistan et les États-Unis.
The countries elected were Canada, Czechoslovakia, Iran, Mexico, Pakistan and the United States.