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PROGRAMME OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Note by the Director General

1. The General Conference will recall that last year it adopted a resolution whereby it requested the Board of Governors to consider the programme of technical assistance to the developing countries set out in document GC(VI)/COM.1/67/Rev.1^{1/}.
2. The necessary item was included in the provisional agenda for the meetings the Board held last June, but the Board did not discuss the subject at that time. It took it up at meetings held on 11 and 12 September when the sponsors of the programme put forward some changes. At the conclusion of its discussion the Board adopted the resolution which is reproduced below.

PROGRAMME OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

The Board of Governors,

Having considered, in accordance with Resolution GC(VII)/RES/152 adopted by the General Conference at its seventh regular session, the socialist countries' proposal for a programme of technical assistance to the developing countries, as set out in document GC(VI)/COM.1/67/Rev.1,

1. Notes with approval the intention of the sponsors to make the following changes in their proposed programme:
 - (a) The six physics laboratories to be replaced by an equivalent (in terms of cost) number of radiological centres; and

^{1/} GC(VII)/RES/152, para. 1.

- (b) Experts to be provided in addition, within the limits of the fellowships that have been earmarked, to assist in assembling and installing the radiological equipment and to train local personnel in operating it.
2. Recalls with satisfaction that arrangements have already been made to provide one of these radiological units, under the auspices of the Agency, to a developing country; and
3. Notes that the remaining units made available by the sponsors can also be provided to the developing countries, either as equipment components of projects approved by the Board for inclusion in the Agency's regular technical assistance programme or in accordance with the arrangements approved by the Board in the case of the aforementioned unit as set forth in the decision summarized in document GOV/DEC/35(VII) under number (15).