

Resolution as to the substantive work of the Commission
following the first session

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST

HAVING CONSIDERED THE request contained in paragraphs 2 and 3(a) of the second part of the resolution of the Economic and Social Council of 28 March 1947, and

HAVING REVIEWED the Report of the Working Group for Asia and the Far East of the Temporary Sub-Commission on Economic Reconstruction of Devastated Areas,

AFFIRMS its full agreement with and support of the general principles enunciated in that Report, especially in Chapters III and IV thereof, in respect of the nature and scope of economic reconstruction in the devastated areas of Asia and the Far East; and

TAKES NOTE that the information contained in Chapter II is still incomplete in certain respects; and

RECORDS its view that for the purpose of compliance with paragraph 1(a) of the terms of reference set out in the first part of the above resolution, the collection of further information relating to economic reconstruction, where such information is incomplete, is essential;

BEARING IN MIND the recommendation of the Working Group that investigations, including such enquiries in the field as the Commission may consider necessary, should be periodic or continuous and in the first instance confined to immediate problems of reconstruction;

THE COMMISSION RESOLVES

first, that steps be taken

- (i) to complete the study made of the situation as described in the Report of the Working Group and to analyze in the light of all the information available the short-term requirements of the various countries within the geographic scope of the Commission
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in respect of essential reconstruction needs, such as food; seed; fertilizers; textiles; raw materials; industrial, agricultural, mining and transport equipment; coal and other fuel;

(ii) to ascertain the extent to which the above requirements can be met, and to suggest measures designed to ensure that such requirements are met:

(a) from domestic sources, e.g. by expansion of agricultural and industrial production, improvement of internal transport facilities, distribution methods, etc.,

(b) from within the region e.g. by provision of facilities for more extended inter-regional trade, improvement in external transport facilities, etc.

(c) from all other sources, e.g. by expansion of external trade generally, adoption of measures necessary for financing imports, improvement in external transport facilities, etc.;

(iii) to suggest the measures necessary to facilitate training in the economic field of administrative and technical personnel of the countries concerned and the obtaining of competent technicians from outside by countries in need of them;

(iv) to examine any other matters relating to the reconstruction requirements of the area (such as obstacles to the flow of (goods), the early consideration of which is essential for the completion of the above studies;

secondly, that the Secretariat be instructed to make investigations necessary for the undertaking of the tasks indicated above with due regard to any investigations already carried out or now being carried out by other organs of the

United Nations;

thirdly, that since for the successful performance of these tasks, the co-operation of the Government of each country whose problems are under investigation is vitally necessary, the Government concerned be invited to associate itself with the investigations;

fourthly, that the Secretariat be requested on completion of the enquiries to submit to the next session of the Commission a report containing its suggestions, including suggestions as to the establishment, of field teams where necessary, the character of such teams, their functions, and the areas in which it is proposed that they should operate; provided that in cases where full or adequate information is available of the short-term reconstruction requirements in specific fields of a country falling within the geographic scope of the Commission, the studies indicated under (i) above may be dispensed with and the Secretariat should proceed to make suggestions under (ii), (iii) and (iv).

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