East establish a railway sub-committee to deal with such matters as the Committee may refer to it, or the governments or the railway administrations of the region may request;

Recommends that this sub-committee, when formed, should consider and examine the desirability of the creation of a railway association for the Asian and Far Eastern region.

CONSULTATIVE RELATIONS WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Resolution of 6 March 1951 (E/CN.11/299)

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

Having noted the report by the Executive Secretary on Consultative Relations between the Commission and Non-Governmental Organizations (E/CN.11/269) and annexes);

Recognizing that the special circumstances of the Commission justify different rules of procedure in respect of non-governmental organizations from those adopted by the Economic and Social Council for the Council itself and for the functional commissions,

Resolves that the existing rules of procedure in respect of the Commission's relations with non-governmental organizations be retained, subject, however, to the following amendments:

Rule 3. Add the following words at the end of the sentence: "Distribution shall be similar to that under rule 45".

Rule 6. Item (*e*) after the words "Category (*a*)" add the following words: "subject to the provisions of clause 6 A".

Last paragraph. ("Before... as may be necessary") to be deleted.

New rule 6 A. Add a new clause 6 A reading as follows:

"Non-governmental organizations in Category A may propose items on matters within their competence for the provisional agenda of the Commission subject to the following conditions:

"(*a*) An organization which intends to propose such an item shall inform the Executive Secretary at least sixty-three days before the commencement of the session, and before formally proposing an item shall give due consideration to any comments he may make;

"(*b*) The proposal shall be formally submitted with the relevant basic documentation not less than forty-nine days before the commencement of the session."

Rule 43. Amend the last sentence to read as follows:

"This shall include distribution to non-governmental organizations in Category A and to the appropriate non-governmental organizations in Category B and on the Register, and on appropriate occasions to consultative members."

References to organizations in Category (c): Wherever "Category (*c*)" in reference to non-governmental organizations appears in the rules of procedure, substitute the words "On the Register".

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Resolution of 7 March 1951 (E/CN.11/300)

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

Recognizes that the question of raising the standard of living of the people of under-developed countries is one of prime importance and urgency;

Recognizes further that improvement in standards of living and economic and social progress require increased technical skill in addition to an adequate supply of capital;

Appreciates the efforts of the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration and the specialized agencies in their technical assistance programmes, but

Notes that the flow of technical assistance to the countries of ECAFE region in the field of economic development has so far been slow;

Expresses the hope that the flow would be accelerated following the initiation of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance of the United Nations and specialized agencies under the ECOSOC resolution 222 (IX) and the General Assembly resolution 304 (IV);

Recommends to the Economic and Social Council that it request the Secretary-General to ensure:

(i) An increased supply on a continuing basis of technical assistance to under-developed countries in the region with minimum delay including the establishment of pilot and demonstration projects and assistance in the establishment of training and research institutes;

(ii) The provision of experts, technicians, other personnel of requisite ability, and training facilities to the utmost extent at as low a cost as possible to the underdeveloped countries;

Suggests that the governments of the countries of the region make prompt requests for technical assistance, including the technical assistance required by them for the work projects recommended by the Commission; and

Requests the Executive Secretary to keep closely in touch with the member and associate member governments of the Commission in connexion with technical assistance developments, in particular concerning the work projects recommended by the Commission, and to give them such help and advice as they may wish in the preparation of their requests for technical assistance.