

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Recognizing that development is an integrated and balanced process in which economic and social factors interact, and that social progress is no longer regarded as an appendage of economic growth but rather as a factor that to a large extent conditions economic growth,

Recalling its resolution 42 (XVIII) on activities in the social field,

Recalling further the report of the twentieth session of the Commission for Social Development which, *inter alia*, strongly recommended re-orientation and strengthening of social development programmes,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 2436 (XXIII) on the world social situation, and the progress achieved in work on the draft Declaration on Social Development submitted to the General Assembly,

Conscious of the implications of the aforementioned report and resolutions in the context of Asian countries,

1. *Recommends* to the Executive Secretary that the activities of the Social Development Division of the ECAFE secretariat be expanded (in co-operation as appropriate with other interested international organizations) by appropriate action programmes at regional and country levels, including programmes for the advancement of women and children and for the participation of youth in national development;

2. *Recommends further* the constitution of a working party on social development in the ECAFE region to meet once in two years in order to recommend over-all integrated policy guidelines and work proposals in the social field for approval by the Commission;

3. *Requests* the proposed working party to outline its terms of reference for approval by the Commission, taking into account the draft Declaration on Social Development;

4. *Recommends* that Governments of member countries strengthen, where necessary and feasible, the integrative aspects of social planning in the context of their national development plans, particularly those requiring the active participation of the people in their planning and implementation;

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to enhance the resources available to ECAFE and to the member countries of the region for social development activity, whether at the national or regional level, by making special appeals to appropriate international financing organizations, and, wherever possible, by collaborating with the United Nations specialized agencies, UNICEF and appropriate non-

governmental organizations active in the field of social development.

*410th meeting,
28 April 1969.*

100 (XXV). THE OUTPOSTING OF HEADQUARTERS STAFF TO THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Noting Economic and Social Council resolution 1199 (XLII) on the United Nations programme in public administration,

Recalling its own resolution 73 (XXII),

Noting with satisfaction the establishment of the Public Administration Unit in the ECAFE secretariat,

Aware that administrative capability remains a critical factor in national programmes of economic and social development,

Reaffirming the view expressed in the Economic and Social Council resolution that the United Nations system of organizations can make a valuable contribution to the promotion of more effective public administration,

1. *Notes with appreciation* the Economic and Social Council's request to the Secretary-General to consider, as appropriate and feasible, the outposting of qualified Headquarters staff to the regional economic commissions and to the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To work out practical arrangements for the outposting of staff from Headquarters to the Commission;

(b) To continue to assist countries of the region, through national and regional projects, in the improvement of their administrative capability.

*410th meeting,
28 April 1969.*

101 (XXV). THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Noting that the International Labour Organisation is celebrating its Fiftieth Anniversary during 1969,

Recalling that the Organisation has done valuable work for the promotion of social justice as a means of establishing world peace and that, in the pursuance of its aims and objectives, it is contributing

to the development efforts of the United Nations family of organizations,

Recognizing that the activities of the ILO are closely related to the objectives of the Commission,

Welcoming the contribution made by the ILO to the development of human resources in the region,

Noting the close collaboration existing between the Commission and the ILO in various fields of common interest,

Invites the Executive Secretary to continue to co-operate with the ILO in its activities in the region, and in particular in the development of the Asian Manpower Plan within the framework of the World Employment Programme which the ILO has launched to commemorate its Fiftieth Anniversary.

*397th meeting,
18 April 1969.*

102 (XXV). AMENDMENT TO RULES
OF PROCEDURE

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Considering Economic and Social Council resolution 1376 (XLV) on proposed amendment to the rules of procedure of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East and the Economic Commission for Latin America,

Noting its recommendation that the Commission's rules of procedure be amended in the following manner:

(a) Insert a new chapter XI, entitled "Consultation with specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency;;

(b) Renumber existing chapter XI to become Chapter XII. Renumber the following chapters accordingly;

(c) Insert a new rule 51, as follows:

"Rule 51

"1. Where an item proposed for the provisional agenda for a session contains a proposal for new activities to be undertaken by the United Nations relating to matters which are of direct concern to one or more specialized agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Executive Secretary shall enter into consultation with the agency or agencies concerned and report to the Commission on the means of achieving co-ordinated use of the resources of the respective agencies.

"2. Where a proposal put forward in the course of a meeting for new activities to be undertaken by the United Nations relates to matters which are of direct concern to one or more specialized agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Executive Secretary shall, after such consultation as may be possible with the representatives at the meeting of the other agency or agencies concerned, draw the attention of the meeting to these implications of the proposal.

"3. Before deciding on proposals referred to above, the Commission shall satisfy itself that adequate consultations have taken place with the agencies concerned".

(d) Renumber the following rules accordingly;

Decides herewith to adopt the above-mentioned amendment to its rules of procedures.

*409th meeting,
26 April 1969.*