

8. *Commends* in this connexion the proposal arising out of General Assembly resolution 2563 (XXIV) by which development advisory services will be provided through ECAFE to assist countries of the region in their over-all economic and social development efforts during the Second Development Decade;

9. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, within the global framework of the strategy for the Second Development Decade and in the spirit of ECAFE resolution 94 (XXV), to formulate other appropriate procedures and patterns of work that will enable ECAFE to fulfil its role in the elaboration, implementation and evaluation of regional strategy and regional action;

10. *Urges* the higher bodies of the United Nations to provide ECAFE with the means and the resources necessary to fulfil its role for the benefit of the countries of the region.

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23 April 1970.

104 (XXVI). ECAFE HEADQUARTERS SITE AND BUILDING
EXTENSION PROGRAMME

I

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Having considered General Assembly resolution 2616 (XXIV) on United Nations accommodation at Bangkok and Addis Ababa, the related reports of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/1264) and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/7806), and the Executive Secretary's note on ECAFE's Building Extension Programme (E/CN.11/L.270),

Recalling that, under ECAFE's terms of reference (E/CN.11/306), Bangkok was designated in 1951 as the working site of ECAFE,

Aware that long-range planning is required to improve the accommodation for the ECAFE secretariat,

1. *Recommends* to the Economic and Social Council that Bangkok be declared the headquarters of ECAFE;

2. *Recommends further* that the terms of reference of the Commission be amended accordingly and such consequential amendments made as may be needed for the purpose.

II

Appreciating the generous co-operation of the Government of Thailand in providing ECAFE with increasing accommodation and other facilities through the years for its expanding activities for the benefit of the entire ECAFE region,

Aware, nevertheless, that the accommodation problems of the Commission have reached a critical stage and that prompt action is required to provide the Commission with the additional facilities it needs to enable it to function effectively,

Considering that the existing working site, including conference and other facilities provided by the Government of Thailand, will continue to be available to ECAFE,

Recalling the hope of the General Assembly that the host Government would find it possible to assist in the preparation of a proposed architectural and engineering survey, thereby reducing the cost to the United Nations,

Noting with deep appreciation the offer of the Government of Thailand to make available additional plots of land for the construction of a new building in addition to the existing working site,

1. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to recommend to the General Assembly that the United Nations accept the offer of the Government of Thailand subject to the conclusion of terms and conditions for the use of the land mutually acceptable to the United Nations and the Government;

2. *Requests* the Government of Thailand to continue to give further assistance and co-operation to the Executive Secretary of ECAFE and to furnish the data and information required to enable the Secretary-General of the United Nations to report on the possible construction of an additional building for ECAFE to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth session.

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23 April 1970.

105 (XXVI). REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS ON RICE

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Considering the important role that rice plays in the economies of the countries of Asia,

Noting the severe disorganization that the year-to-year fluctuations in its prices and production cause to the development effort and to the economy in general,

Realizing the need for concerted action to stabilize prices at levels which would take into account the interests of the exporting as well as importing countries,

Being aware of the complexities of the issues involved in any regional arrangements for rice,

Recognizing that such action on rice should form part of the arrangements for intra-regional trade liberalization,