

*Requests* the Technical Assistance Administration to give favourable consideration to the organization of an Asian Training Centre for Water Resource Development in 1952 or early 1953 for the training of engineers; and

*Urges* the governments of the region to consider the promotion of permanent cadres of engineering personnel for water resource development and the promotion of exchange of such personnel within the region.

### **Amendment of rules of procedure**

RESOLUTION OF 4 FEBRUARY 1952 (E/CN.11/339  
Rev. 1)

*The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East*

*Taking note of recommendations of the Economic and Social Council [resolution 414 (XIII)] regarding*

(a) The date and place of sessions of regional economic commissions and

(b) Consultative arrangements between regional economic commissions and non-governmental organizations;

*Resolves* to amend its rules of procedure (E/CN.11/2 Rev.7) as follows:

1. For *Rules 1* and *2* substitute the following:

#### **"Rule 1**

"The following principles shall apply as regards date and place for the sessions of the Commission:

"(a) The Commission shall at each session recommend the date and place for its next session subject to the approval of the Council and in consultation with the Secretary-General. Sessions of the Commission shall also be held within 45 days of the communication to the Executive Secretary of a request to that effect by the Economic and Social Council, and in that case, the Secretary-General shall establish the place of such sessions in consultation with the Chairman of the Commission.

"(b) In special cases the date and place of the session may be altered by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairman of the Commission and the Council's Interim Committee on Programme of Conferences. At the request of the majority of the members of the Commission, the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chairman of the Commission and the Council's Interim Committee on Programme of Conferences, may also alter the date and place of the session.

"(c) Sessions shall ordinarily be held at the office of the United Nations in Asia and the Far East. The Commission may recommend holding a particular session elsewhere."

2. Re-number old *Rules 3* to *6A* inclusive as *Rules 2* to *6* inclusive, and old *Rules 29A* to *46* inclusive as *Rules 30* to *47* inclusive.

3. Amend old *Rule 47* by deletion of the last three sentences, the rule as amended to be re-numbered *48* and to read as follows:

#### **"Rule 48**

"Non-governmental organizations in Categories A and B and on the register may designate authorized

representatives to sit as observers at public meetings of the Commission."

4. Add the following *new rules*, numbered *49* and *50*, reading as follows:

#### **"Rule 49**

"Written statements relevant to the work of the Commission or its subsidiary bodies may be submitted by organizations in categories A and B on subjects for which these organizations have a special competence. Such statements shall be circulated by the Executive Secretary to the members and associate members of the Commission except those statements which have become obsolete, e.g., those dealing with matters already disposed of."

#### **"Rule 50**

"The following conditions shall be observed regarding the submission and circulation of such written statements:

"(a) The written statement shall be submitted in one of the official languages.

"(b) It shall be submitted in sufficient time for appropriate consultation to take place between the Executive Secretary and the organization before circulation.

"(c) The organization shall give due consideration to any comments which the Executive Secretary may make in the course of such consultation before transmitting the statement in final form.

"(d) A written statement submitted by an organization in category A or B will be circulated in full if it does not exceed 2,000 words. Where a statement is in excess of 2,000 words, the organization shall submit a summary which will be circulated or shall supply sufficient copies of the full text in the two working languages for distribution. A statement will also be circulated in full, however, upon the specific request of the Commission or of one of its subsidiary bodies.

"(e) The Executive Secretary may invite organizations on the register to submit written statements. The provisions of paragraphs (a) and (c) and (d) above shall apply to such statements.

"(f) A written statement or summary, as the case may be, will be circulated by the Executive Secretary in the working languages and, upon the request of a member or associate member of the Commission, in any of the official languages."

5. For the old *rule 48* substitute the following rule, numbered *51*:

#### **"Rule 51**

"(a) The Commission and its subsidiary bodies may consult with organizations in categories A or B either directly or through a committee or committees established for the purpose. In all cases, such consultations may be arranged on the invitation of the Commission or the subsidiary body or on the request of the organization.

"(b) On the recommendation of the Executive Secretary and at the request of the Commission or one of its subsidiary bodies, organizations on the

register may also be heard by the Commission or its subsidiary bodies."

6. Add the following new *Rule 52*.

*"Rule 52*

"The Commission may recommend that an organization which has special competence in a particular field should undertake specific studies or investigations or prepare specific papers for the Commission. The limitations of rule 50 (d) shall not apply in this case."

7. Re-number old rules 49 to 53 inclusive as rules 53 to 57 inclusive.

**Inland transport**

RESOLUTION OF 4 FEBRUARY 1952 (E/CN.11/340)

*The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East*

*Taking note* of the report of the first session of the Inland Transport Committee (E/CN.11/312);

*Noting* with satisfaction the successful conclusion of the group study tour by inland waterway experts of the region and the progress made in respect of (i) the establishment of demonstration inland water transport projects, (ii) the creation of a regional railway training centre and (iii) the projected study tour by railway officials;

*Commends* the Committee for the useful work achieved;

*Approves* the report of the Committee and the general lines of work set out therein, and

*Requests* the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration and the specialized agencies concerned, to take steps towards the early implementation of the recommendations of the Committee.

**Land reform**

RESOLUTION OF 5 FEBRUARY 1952 (E/CN.11/341)

*The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East*

*Having noted* the resolutions on reform of agrarian structures of the General Assembly [524 (VI)], the Economic and Social Council [370 (XIII)], and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;<sup>9a</sup> and

*Believing* that, in many countries, reforms in agrarian conditions as defined in these resolutions would promote increased agricultural production, economic development, and higher standards of living;

*Endorses* the recommendations made by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

*Urges* governments in the region;

(1) To co-operate with the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United

<sup>9a</sup> Resolution No. 6 of the sixth general conference of FAO.

Nations in supplying information and making investigations as called for by the aforementioned resolutions;

(2) To take immediate measures to bring about needed and appropriate reforms of agrarian structures and conditions along lines of paragraph 3 in Resolution 370 (XIII) of the Economic and Social Council;

(3) To utilize as fully as possible such technical assistance facilities of the United Nations and specialized agencies as they require with regard to specific problems concerned with agrarian reforms;

*Requests* the Executive Secretary, in co-operation with the specialized agencies concerned, particularly FAO, ILO and UNESCO, to study specific measures for agrarian reform in the perspective of the economic development plans of countries of the region and to assist in the formulation and implementation of such measures in a co-ordinated manner.

**Report of the fourth session of the Committee on Industry and Trade and Supply of capital goods and materials**

RESOLUTION OF 6 FEBRUARY 1952 (E/CN.11/343)

*The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East*

(a) *Notes* with satisfaction the report of the fourth session of the Committee on Industry and Trade (E/CN.11/314) and the work being undertaken by the Secretariat;

(b) *Approves* the recommendations contained in the report, with the following additions:

**A. Financing of electric power development**

*The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East*

*Noting* the resolution [520 (VI)] adopted by the General Assembly at its 360th plenary meeting on 12 January 1952, relating to the financing of Economic development in under-developed countries;

*Deeply concerned* over the gross deficiency in electric power production in Asia and the Far East, which retards economic and industrial development in the region and deprives large masses of the people of the use of electricity;

*Encouraged* by the efforts being made by the governments and peoples of the region to increase electric supply, as indicated by the electric power development programmes which aim to more than double the generating capacity in the region during the next five years;

*Noting* that the successful execution of the countries' electric power development programmes depends in large measure upon availability of adequate finance and upon the timely delivery of materials;

*Recommends* to the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the International Bank that, in addition to those phases of lending operations by the International Bank included in paragraphs (a) to (e) of Sections C.1 of the above mentioned General Assembly resolution, they give special consideration to the urgent need of the under-developed countries for financial assistance in effecting the early commencement and completion of electric power projects.