

social development may be frustrated by the continuance of the present high rates of population growth within the region,

1. *Calls on* member countries, in accordance with their national policies and special needs, to adopt practical and effective family planning measures on a voluntary basis aimed at the achievement of more desirable rates of population growth; and proposes that this be included among the essential aspects of the international development strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, looking to the eventual achievement of satisfactory *per capita* economic growth which would promote human welfare;

2. *Invites* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, in allocating its resources and those of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, to attach importance to collaborative efforts in the field of population at the regional, sub-regional and national levels, through which ECAFE co-operates in the application of the combined skills and knowledge of several agencies within the United Nations system;

3. *Endorses* the Asian Population Programme as an instrument through which the Executive Secretary can take prompt action to assist Governments to achieve their development goals.

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FOR DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Recalling its endorsement at the twenty-fifth session of the proposal to establish a regional centre for development administration and its decision to convene a special panel to prepare a plan of action,

Taking note of the report of the Panel of Experts and related documentation on the substance and structure of the regional centre,

Noting also the unanimous recommendation of the Panel of Experts as to the utmost importance of, and need for, the early establishment of a regional centre,

Considering General Assembly resolution 2561 (XXIV) on public administration and development, which implies clearly that administrative and managerial capability remains a critical factor in national programmes of economic and social development and that measures to increase that capability are fundamental in all efforts to achieve successful development,

Realizing that, while all existing facilities and resources at the national levels should be strengthened and extended, regional efforts are crucial to the generation of new thinking and action aimed at intensifying the efforts to improve the implementation capacity of the administrative systems,

Recalling the full support already conveyed to the Executive Secretary by most member and associate member countries in the ECAFE region, for the establishment and development of a regional centre,

1. *Strongly affirms* the pressing need for a regional centre to improve administrative and managerial capability and its effectiveness in economic and social development and, in this regard, to serve as a complement to various programmes and projects at the national and regional levels;

2. *Reaffirms* the opinion of the countries in the region that the establishment and activities of the centre merit the fullest co-operation and assistance of the United Nations Development Programme, the specialized agencies and other assistance sources;

3. *Notes* with appreciation the offer of UNDP to send a consultant mission to process the project for implementation and draws its attention to the report of the Panel of Experts which offers a complete basis for UNDP to assist in the establishment of the centre;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to take all necessary steps to help establish the centre at the earliest possible date; and

5. *Urges* the United Nations Development Programme to give high priority to its consideration of the application by member and associate member countries in support of the project as part of its over-all institution building and pre-investment support for the Second Development Decade.

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