

Resolution for establishing a working section
in the Secretariat on trade promotion in the
ECAFE region

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST having examined Document E/CN.11/38 of October 23, 1947, and particularly that portion of the document which defines the objective of ECAFE as follows:

"To initiate and participate in measures for:

- (1) Facilitating concerted action for the economic reconstruction of Asia and the Far East,
- (2) Raising the level of economic activity,
- (3) Maintaining and strengthening economic relations between countries within the region both among themselves and with the countries of the world",

and

RECOGNIZING that trade promotional work by members and associate members is an appropriate activity in furthering the attainment of the above objectives, and

CONSIDERING the possibility that some of the members and associate members of ECAFE may not yet have organized foreign trade promotional agencies within their governments.

RESOLVES

1. - That the Commission in consultation with the ITO on any points which involve its functions, recommend to member and associate member countries within the ECAFE region which have not established such trade departments that consideration be given to organizing such agencies or to the forming of committees to be authorized to collaborate with ECAFE headquarters in the furtherance of such activities.

II. - That a working section be set up at once within the ECAFE Secretariat to consider, plan, and develop ways and means for early augmentation of trade between countries of Asia and the Far East and between them and other parts of the world, and

III. - That the Secretariat be instructed to prepare, for consideration at the third session of the Commission a report based on experience gained out of experimentation, inquiry and study, with such recommendations as it may deem advisable for the creation of a more permanent organization for expanding the economy of the countries of the region through special trade promotional effort.

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