

*Noting* with gratification the increasing number and usefulness of regional technical assistance projects initiated by the Commission and its subsidiary bodies, and executed jointly by the secretariat of ECAFE and the Technical Assistance Administration,

*Also noting* that the execution of regional projects frequently requires a host country to spend considerable funds although the benefits from such regional projects accrue not only to it but to all the participating countries,

*Recognizing* that technical assistance can best be rendered generally through individual country projects, but also

*Believing* that in certain instances regional projects provide the most effective avenue of technical assistance,

*Draws* the attention of the Council, its Technical Assistance Committee and Technical Assistance Board to the great value attached by the countries of the region to regional projects, and suggests to the Council, the Committee and the Board that they take this into account in any review that may be undertaken of arrangements and procedures for the operation of the technical assistance programme;

*Recommends* to the Council that the above form of technical assistance be recognized as a permanent feature of the technical assistance programme, alongside and complementary to individual country projects, as an important element in planning, and in the allocation of funds;

*Requests* the Executive Secretary to transmit this resolution to the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board for circulation to the Technical Assistance Committee and the Technical Assistance Board.

#### Resolution 12 (X)

##### Admission of associate members to membership of the Commission

RESOLUTION ADOPTED 18 FEBRUARY 1954  
(E/CN.11/387)

*The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East*

*Urges* the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations to reach a decision giving effect to the wish of the Commission to admit to membership of ECAFE

those associate members which are responsible for their own international relations.

#### Resolution 13 (X)

##### Amendment of terms of reference

RESOLUTION ADOPTED 18 FEBRUARY 1954  
(E/CN.11/388)

*The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East Recommends* to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations that the terms of reference of the Commission be amended in order to make possible the amendment of rule 13 and rule 15 of the rules of procedure as follows:

##### "Rule 13

"The Commission shall, at its first meeting of each year, elect from among its representatives, *including the representatives of associate members*, a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman who shall hold office until their successors are elected. They shall be eligible for re-election."

##### "Rule 15

"If the Chairman ceases to represent a member *or an associate member* of the Commission, or is so incapacitated that he can no longer hold office, the Vice-Chairman shall become Chairman for the unexpired portion of the term. In that case, or if the Vice-Chairman ceases to represent a member *or an associate member* of the Commission, or is so incapacitated that he can no longer hold office, the Commission shall elect another Vice-Chairman for the unexpired portion of the term."

219. The Commission also adopted the following draft resolution for submission to the Council:

##### Draft resolution for action by the Economic and Social Council

ADOPTED 18 FEBRUARY 1954 BY THE COMMISSION  
*The Economic and Social Council*

*Takes note* of the Annual Report of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East for the period 15 February 1953 to 18 February 1954 and of the programme of work and priorities contained therein.

## PART V

### PROGRAMME OF WORK AND PRIORITIES

#### Introduction

220. The Commission approved the programme of work and priorities set out below at its 137th meeting held on 18 February 1954.

221. This programme was adopted in the light of the recommendations contained in the report of the third session of the Inland Transport Committee (E/CN.11/377), the report of the sixth session of the Committee on Industry and Trade (E/CN.11/383), the report of the Bureau of Flood Control and Water Resources Development covering the period November 1952—October 1953 (E/CN.11/376), the statement made to the Commission by the representative of FAO concerning the proposed work programme of the joint ECAFE/FAO Agriculture Division, and the statements of the representatives of ILO, UNESCO, WHO, the International Monetary Fund, and relevant resolu-

tions and decisions of the tenth session of the Commission; Economic and Social Council resolutions 324 (XI), 402 B (XII), 451 A (XVI), and 497 C (XVI) on co-ordination among the United Nations and the specialized agencies, and 362 B (XII) on concentration of efforts and resources, were also closely taken into account.

222. In formulating the proposed programme of work and priorities set out below, the basic criterion of the Commission, as in the past, was that stated in Economic and Social Council resolution 362 B (XII) as follows:

"... the question of the economic development of under-developed countries in all its aspects is by virtue of Articles 55 and 56 of the Charter a problem to which the Council [and its Commissions] must ... give most urgent attention because ... 'a more rapid economic development of under-developed