

2. *Calls* upon the ECAFE secretariat to continue to render service of a high order to the Commission in the furtherance of its aim of increasing development and co-operation in Asia for peace and prosperity.

459th meeting,  
24 March 1972.

122 (XXVIII). THE ROLE OF NATURAL RUBBER IN THE ECONOMIES OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE ECAFE REGION

*The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,*

*Aware* of the vital role of the natural rubber industry in the economy of several countries of the region,

*Realizing* that the industry is facing difficulties which require closer and continuing study and examination with a view to determining as a matter of urgency both short-term and the long-term concerted remedial action necessary to overcome these difficulties,

*Recognizing* that the Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries with the assistance of ECAFE has already taken an initiative in this direction by constituting an Expert Group for making such study and examination,

*Requests* (a) the Executive Secretary to provide the fullest assistance to the Expert Group in the prosecution of this work; and (b) the member countries to extend their fullest co-operation to the Expert Group in the successful completion of its task.

459th meeting,  
24 March 1972.

123 (XXVIII). EXTENSION OF THE ASIAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING INTO A THIRD PHASE (1974-1978) AND ENSURING THE PERMANENCY OF THE INSTITUTE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF ITS GOVERNING COUNCIL

*The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,*

*Considering* the ever-increasing need of the Asian countries for the training of personnel concerned with planning for economic and social development and the implementation of development programmes and policies,

*Recalling* the decision taken at its twenty-third session in 1967, under resolution 84 (XXIII), to urge the United Nations Development Programme and the Governments of the member and associate member countries to continue to support the Asian Institute financially for the second five-year period (1969-1973), and to continue to review the performance and achievements of the Institute as set forth in the latter's annual reports with a view to considering at its twenty-eighth session in 1972 the question of giving the Institute a permanent status,

*Noting* with satisfaction the progress of the arrangements made by the Government of Singapore to have ready a permanent headquarters for the Institute by the end of 1973,

*Taking* cognizance of the report of the Governing Council on the functioning of the Institute and the proposals and recommendations contained therein on the extension of the Institute's activities into a third five-year period (1974-1978) and on measures for ensuring the Institute's permanency,

1. *Urges* the United Nations Development Programme and the Governments of the member and associate member countries of ECAFE to support the Asian Institute financially for a third five-year period (1974-1978) and to provide such support in substantially increased measure, as recommended by the Governing Council;

2. *Endorses* the Institute's decision to request the Asian Development Bank to provide it with financial and other support, and its intention to request other institutions to do the same;

3. *Decides* that the Institute shall become a permanent organization and continue to function as a regional institution supported by the United Nations.

459th meeting,  
24 March 1972.

124 (XXVIII). IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS RELATING TO LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES OF THE KABUL DECLARATION ON ASIAN ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

*The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,*

*Being aware* of the importance of the economic and social advancement of the land-locked countries of the region,

*Recalling* its resolutions 51 (XX), 107 (XXVI) and 114 (XXVII) on special problems relating to land-locked countries,

*Further recalling* the principles relating to the transit trade of land-locked countries adopted by the first session of UNCTAD, and resolution 11 (II) on special problems of the land-locked countries adopted by the second session of UNCTAD,

*Noting* the relevant portions of General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV) entitled "International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade", relating to special measures in favour of the land-locked developing countries,

*Noting further* the creation of a unit within the ECAFE secretariat to give continued attention, in co-ordination with other divisions concerned, to the special problems of the least developed among the developing countries and the land-locked countries of the ECAFE region and the report of the First Meeting of the Special Body on Land-locked Countries,<sup>7</sup>

*Inviting* attention to relevant provisions of the Declaration of the Fourth Meeting of the Council of Ministers held at Kabul in December 1970, which,

<sup>7</sup> E/CN.11/1031.