

inter alia, urged the member and associate member countries "to render every possible assistance to land-locked countries of the region to enjoy the right of free access to the sea and to provide port and transport facilities, minimum and simple customs formalities, reasonable transport charges and transit by air and overland routes",

1. *Requests* the member states of ECAFE to implement the provisions of the Kabul Declaration;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to seek necessary assistance, both financial and technical, for the support and strengthening of the Unit to carry out the relevant parts of the work programme of the ECAFE secretariat;

3. *Urges* the national, regional and international financial institutions, particularly the Asian Development Bank, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the United Nations Development Programme and Governments of developed countries to consider creating special funds from their additional resources for the development of land-locked countries, which will be over and above the general development funds to be made available to all developing countries, without precluding the land-locked countries from applying for those general development funds as well;⁸

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to convene a further meeting of the Special Body, which will consider *inter alia*, its draft terms of reference;

5. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to support the work of the Special Unit of the secretariat and of the Special Body by seeking necessary financial, advisory and other assistance from within and outside the region for the purpose of supplementing the efforts of the secretariat to carry out its mandate on a continuing basis;

6. *Urges* member states concerned which have not ratified or acceded to the 1965 United Nations Convention on Transit Trade of Land-locked States, to give urgent and favourable consideration to the possibility of ratifying it and/or acceding to it at an early date, so as to facilitate trade and development;

7. *Urges further* the Executive Secretary to request UNCTAD and other international organizations to consider preparing a draft international convention or proposal for the improvement, simplification and standardization of customs and trade documentation;

8. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to bring this resolution to the attention of the appropriate authorities of UNCTAD and member Governments for their consideration and necessary action, and also to take the necessary steps for the purpose of fulfilling the objectives of this resolution.

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⁸ The representatives of Australia, France, Japan, New Zealand and the United Kingdom reserved their positions on this paragraph. The United States abstained from approving the resolution owing to inability to accept this paragraph.

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Being aware of the extensive preparations being made for the United Nations Conference on Human Environment to be held in Stockholm from 5 to 16 June 1972,

Noting with appreciation that the prompt action taken by the Executive Secretary to convene the Seminar on Development and Environment and the Regional Seminar on the Ecological Implications of Rural and Urban Population Growth, in August and September 1971 respectively, has been of great practical help to the regional member countries in making preparations for the Conference,

Noting also that the Conference will have before it proposals for a far-reaching action plan which will comprise a comprehensive human environment programme,

Cognizant that the developing countries, besides being concerned over many of the same environmental issues as those facing the more industrialized countries, also face environmental problems derived from poverty, from their under-developed state, and from ecological changes, and in some instances from development that has been unsuited to their needs,

Recognizing that, since some environmental problems transcend national boundaries, regional co-operation not only complements national action but also is an indispensable pre-condition for the successful management of man's activities in relationship to his own environment,

1. *Emphasizes* that any action plan on environment that is evolved should take into full account, within the global context, the particular needs and interests of the developing countries of the ECAFE region and should also include the greatest degree of interregional and regional co-operation in this field;

2. *Urges* all member countries to send delegations at the highest possible level to the Conference so that the Asian point of view will be fully reflected in the resulting human environment programme;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, as soon as possible after and in conformity with the results of the Conference, to convene an expert working group of environmentalists from member countries and other specialists to consider further action required, particularly taking into account its implications for developing countries of the region and to consider a suitable plan of action for the human environment in the ECAFE region and to make appropriate recommendations regarding the provision of financial resources for implementing such a plan;

4. *Requests* the Secretary General of UNCTAD, the Administrator of UNDP, the United Nations specialized agencies, ADB and other aid-giving agencies to make resources available, as necessary, for this purpose.

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