

3. *Calls upon* the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East to take necessary action for assistance to the project, including making a direct appeal to the Governments of member countries for contributions;

4. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to report on the progress made with the development of the project to the thirtieth session of the Commission and to make similar reports, as appropriate, at succeeding sessions.

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DEVELOPMENT: ASIAN PLAN OF ACTION

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

*Recalling* its resolution 115 (XXVII) endorsing the formulation of an Asian Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development in relation to and based on the World Plan of Action,

*Taking note* of the relevant resolutions adopted by the United Nations General Assembly and the recent resolutions 1715 (LIII), 1716 (LIII), 1717 (LIII) and 1718 (LIII) adopted by the Economic and Social Council on matters relating to the application of science and technology to development,

*Welcoming* the establishment of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development as the main body among the subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council to assist the Council in the definition of guidelines in the field of science and technology for development in the interest of all mankind, and particularly of the developing countries,

*Noting* with satisfaction that an Asian Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development complementary to the World Plan of Action has been formulated and has been approved by the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development at its seventeenth session,

*Recognizing* that existing resources within the ECAFE secretariat are insufficient to undertake the implementation of the Asian Plan of Action,

1. *Calls upon* the member and associate member countries of the Commission to consider carefully the proposals and recommendations contained in the World and Asian Plans of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development and to implement, where appropriate, relevant and feasible and within the limits of national resources, the recommendations contained in the Plans to the fullest possible extent, in particular by giving urgent attention to the building up of scientific and technological infrastructure in developing Asian countries and to over-all policy and planning to that end;

2. *Recommends* to Governments of developing countries on the basis of their examination of the World and Asian Plans of Action, and in the light of their own national development plans and priorities, to: (a) select the specific problems facing their countries in each sector the solution of which would have a significant impact on the economic and social development of the country concerned; and (b) to indicate to the Executive Secretary those problems which in the opinion of the developing country concerned are not being adequately dealt with at present;

3. *Urges* the organizations of the United Nations system and advanced countries to combine their efforts to assist developing States of the region in the implementation of the Asian Plan of Action;

4. *Requests:*

- (a) The United Nations specialized agencies to consider making provision for financing and executing those parts of the Asian Plan which fall within their fields of competence and regular programmes;
- (b) The Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, bearing in mind resolution 1717 (LIII) of the Economic and Social Council, to consider increasing, within available resources and allocations, the Programme's financial contribution to the implementation of the Asian Plan of Action under the country and inter-country programmes;
- (c) The Asian Development Bank and other aid-giving bodies to consider providing technical and financial assistance for establishing and strengthening industrial and scientific research institutions in Asian developing countries in collaboration with ECAFE;

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

- (a) To bring the Asian Plan of Action to the attention of Governments of member countries and encourage its implementation through the organization of expert teams and the convening of seminars, meetings and conferences, as appropriate;
- (b) To take the initiative, in close co-operation with the organizations of the United Nations system, in implementing the Plan by organizing consultations with science policy makers and planners in national Governments;
- (c) To arrange for distribution of the Asian Plan of Action to Governments, leaders of research and scientific associations, and institutions;
- (d) To maintain close liaison with the Committee on Science and Technology for Development, the Advisory Committee and other relevant bodies;
- (e) To strengthen the Science and Technology Unit within the secretariat as appropriate and feasible.

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