

Part III

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION AT ITS THIRTIETH SESSION

140(XXX). Colombo Declaration

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

On the occasion of its thirtieth session,

Gravely concerned over the severity of current food shortages, the rising prices of oil, raw materials and industrial commodities, and the critical balance of payments position facing many countries of the region,

Reaffirming the aspirations, responsibility and will of the peoples of Asia and the Pacific to continue to develop their national economies on the principle of independence and self-reliance, and to promote co-operation among countries on the basis of equality and mutual benefit,

Recognizing the importance of adopting an integrated approach to economic and social development in solving these priority problems,

Conscious of its responsibility for promoting the economic and social development of the member countries of the region, and for continuing to give a lead in regional co-operation,

Recognizing that the international community of which it is a part must now turn to meet the new challenges outlined above,

1. Expresses the view that the most urgent priorities for its action are therefore in the fields of food, energy, raw materials and external financial resources;

2. Urges its members to mobilize all their available domestic resources and strengthen their co-operative efforts at the regional and global levels to meet these priorities;

3. Calls upon the international community to place the highest priority for concerted action on ensuring adequate food supplies, including the build-up of adequate reserves, and to consider among other measures the establishment of a world fertilizer fund, as proposed in its resolution 142 (XXX);

4. Calls upon the international community, as proposed in its resolution 146 (XXX), to maintain at least its level of assistance on concessional terms to assist developing countries in meeting their pressing balance of payments needs and long-term developmental requirements;

5. Declares its resolve to intensify action in the identified priority areas, to work towards an integrated approach to economic and social development and to assist subregional and other

forms of joint effort within the over-all framework of regional co-operation.

*490th meeting,
5 April 1974.*

141 (XXX). Change of name of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Considering Articles 55 to 60 of Chapter IX on "International Economic and Social Co-operation" and Articles 61 to 72 of Chapter X on "The Economic and Social Council" of the Charter of the United Nations,

Taking account of paragraph 3, Article 1, Chapter I of the Charter, in relation to paragraph 1(b), Article 13, Chapter IV, on international co-operation in economic, social, cultural, educational and health fields as well as on human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Observing that, in line with the integrated approach to development, the Commission has devoted equal attention to both economic and social fields among other activities related to development in general,

Noting that the geographical term "Far East" emanated from the viewpoint of countries outside the Asia/Pacific region,

1. Recommends to the Economic and Social Council and to the General Assembly of the United Nations a change in the present name of the Commission from "Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East" (ECAFE) to "Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific" (ESCAP);

2. Requests the Executive Secretary to submit a report to the thirty-first session of the Commission on the measures taken to implement this resolution.

*490th meeting,
5 April 1974.*

142 (XXX). Establishment of a World Fertilizer Fund

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,