

Commission for Asia and the Far East, United Nations Development Programme, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and United Nations Industrial Development Organization to interested countries, to finalize the project document, and the convening of a meeting of the Governments of those countries to adopt the terms of reference and to decide upon matters relating to the Centre's establishment;

4. *Urges* the Development Programme to give the most favourable consideration to providing assistance to this project;

5. *Urges* the international organizations and the institutions concerned with the development and adaptation of suitable agricultural machinery, such as the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization, and the International Rice Research Institute, to extend all possible assistance for the establishment of the Centre.

*490th meeting,  
5 April 1974.*

**146 (XXX). Financing the pressing balance of payments needs and long-term developmental requirements of developing countries**

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

*Gravely concerned* over the adverse effects that the current world-wide inflation, the sharply increased prices of oil, foodgrains, fertilizers and many industrial goods, the shortages in the supply of some of these commodities as well as shipping difficulties and rising freight charges are having on the balance of payments of most countries of the region and, in particular, on the welfare of the people and on the economic development of the developing countries of the region, thus compounding the difficulty of attaining the targets envisaged for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

*Noting with satisfaction* that a special session of the General Assembly will be convened to deal with problems of raw materials and development and the efforts of the United Nations system to mitigate the adverse effects of the current economic situation,

*Recognizing* that one immediate remedy would be the provision of adequate financial assistance on concessionary terms, at low interest and with a long-term repayment period, to developing countries whose balance of payments and import capacity have been most seriously affected by a series of adverse developments,

*Welcoming* the various initiatives and measures being taken by countries and organizations to assist the developing countries in this regard,

*Warmly welcoming* the initiatives which the oil-exporting countries are taking to help other developing countries and in particular the com-

mitments of His Imperial Majesty the Shahanshah Arya-Mohr of Iran to provide the equivalent of not less than \$US 1,000 million to international financial institutions and his initiatives for the establishment of a fund on soft terms, to which major oil-exporting countries and industrialized countries would be invited to contribute, for the purpose of assisting the developing countries in alleviating their immediate balance of payments difficulties and in implementing their development projects and programmes,

1. *Draws the attention* of the special session of the General Assembly of the United Nations to the initiative of His Imperial Majesty the Shahanshah and to the other initiatives and invites it to consider means of giving early effect to the basic objectives envisaged;

2. *Requests* the International Monetary Fund, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and other international financial institutions to extend their fullest assistance in the mobilization of additional resources and the channelling of these funds to the developing countries;

3. *Recommends* separately that the developed countries maintain at least their level of assistance on concessional terms and in forms suitable for speedy balance of payments assistance to the countries most seriously affected by adverse developments, and that, in particular, they complete as soon as possible the arrangement for replenishing the resources of the International Development Association;

4. *Further recommends* that all other appropriate measures be taken by countries to curb the inflationary price increases that are burdening the balance of payments of developing countries;

5. *Invites* the Executive Secretary to transmit this resolution to the President of the Economic and Social Council with the request that it be brought to the notice of the General Assembly at its special session.

*490th meeting,  
5 April 1974.*

**147(XXX). Development of Lumbini Garden, Nepal**

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

*Recalling* its resolution 129 (XXIX) on the development of Lumbini,

*Realizing* the economic importance of the regional development of the Gandaki-Lumbini zone to the over-all development programme of Nepal and the significance of the development of the Lumbini Garden to Asia and the world at large,

*Noting with appreciation* the progress made in the development of the project by the Royal Government of Nepal,

*Welcoming* the strong support given to the accelerated development of Lumbini by the Transport and Communications Committee at its twenty-second session and also the support and assistance provided by the United Nations and particularly by the United Nations Development Programme and by various friendly nations to this project,

*Aware* of the continuing inadequacy of funds for completing the remaining phase of the master plan of Lumbini Garden, without which actual construction cannot begin, and the consequent need for further assistance,

*Deeply appreciating* the keen interest taken in the project by the Executive Secretary and his appeal to member countries to contribute generously to the development of Lumbini,

*Warmly welcoming* offers of assistance, including those made at the current session by several Governments,

1. *Decides* to continue to extend all necessary support and assistance in order to enable the Royal Government of Nepal to implement the project speedily;

2. *Urges* the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to provide continued assistance to the project to the maximum extent possible;

3. *Earnestly requests* the Governments of member countries to contribute to the utmost of their ability the resources in cash and kind required for the development of the Lumbini project;

4. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to render all possible assistance to the Royal Government of Nepal in regard to this project and to report to the Commission at its thirty-first session on the progress made.

*489th meeting,  
4 April 1974.*

**148 (XXX). Over-all review of the Commission's regional training institutions supported by the United Nations Development Programme**

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

*Recognizing* the manifold advantages to be derived from close co-ordination of the operations and activities of its regional training institutions, namely the Asian Institute for Economic Development and Planning, the Asian Statistical Institute, the Asian Centre for Development Administration and the Asian Centre for Training and Research in Social Welfare and Development to be set up,

*Recognizing further* the need for harmonization and complementarity of the work programmes of the regional institutions in order to ensure an integrated approach to the areas with which they deal,

*Noting* the intention of the United Nations Development Programme to phase out gradually its support to the regional institutions, as a consequence of which the countries of the region and interested organizations and agencies may have to assume greater responsibility for the functioning of those institutions,

*Realizing* that this may entail a need for certain substantive changes in the institutions, to which careful consideration should be given,

1. *Endorses* the proposal contained in the report of the Meeting of Directors of Regional Institutions with the Executive Secretary (E/CN.11/1144) that the Executive Secretary initiate action for operational co-ordination of the institutions;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the United Nations Development Programme, to field a mission in 1974 to study the matter;

3. *Urges* the United Nations Development Programme to consider favourably a request for financing the mission;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its thirty-first session on the mission's findings and recommendations.

*489th meeting,  
4 April 1974.*

**149 (XXX). An Asian Centre for Training and Research in Social Welfare and Development**

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

*Recalling* the recommendation of the International Conference of Ministers Responsible for Social Welfare (New York, 1968) that regional centres for advanced training and research in social welfare be set up for the purpose of providing training for senior and high-level social welfare personnel,

*Further recalling* Economic and Social Council resolution 1406 (XLVI) endorsing that recommendation and inviting the Secretary-General and the Executive Secretaries of the regional economic commissions to consult the Governments of Member States regarding the establishment of regional social welfare research and training centres,

*Aware* of the supportive role of the First Asian Conference of Ministers Responsible for Social Welfare (Manila, 1970), which, recognizing the need for a centre for social welfare training and research in the region and the technical soundness of the proposal in that regard as submitted by the Government of the Philippines, recommended that the Government of the Philippines request assistance from the United Nations Development Programme, and that the latter ascertain from Governments of member countries in the region their views and willingness to accept the proposal,