151 (XXX). **Financing of the Asian Statistical Institute during the second phase (1975-1979)**

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Recalling its resolution 134 (XXIX), urging the United Nations Development Programme and the Governments of member and associate member countries of the Commission to give consideration to providing the financial and other support required by the Asian Statistical Institute during its second five-year period (1975-1979) until necessary provision has been made for ensuring this by other satisfactory means, and recommending that the Institute become a permanent regional institution supported by the United Nations,

Taking cognizance of the report of the Mid-Project Review Meeting held on 21-22 February 1974 and of the recommendations contained therein that the activities of the Institute be continued and that consideration be given to expanding those activities and to including among them advisory services and research facilities, resources permitting,

Noting that a mission is to be fielded in 1974 to study the present status, activities and problems of the Asian Institute for Economic Development and Planning, the Asian Statistical Institute, the Asian Centre for Development Administration and the proposed Asian Centre for Training and Research in Social Welfare and Development, and also to make recommendations for co-ordinating the activities and operation of these institutions,

Recalling with appreciation the pledges of financial assistance already made by the United Nations Development Programme and the Governments of some member and associate member countries for the second phase of the Institute,

Noting with regret that the total amount pledged so far is considerably less than the sum estimated by the Executive Secretary to be the minimum needed for the successful execution of the Asian Statistical Institute project during its second five-year phase,

1. *Urges* the United Nations Development Programme and the Governments of member and associate member countries of the Commission to consider an increase in their contributions to the levels proposed for each of them by the Executive Secretary;

2. *Endorses* the recommendation contained in the report of the Mid-Project Review Meeting that the Executive Secretary seek extrabudgetary assistance from other sources for the continuation of the Institute and possible expansion of its activities.

489th meeting,
4 April 1974.

152 (XXX). **Inclusion of Chinese among the working languages of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East**

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Recognizing that the People's Republic of China is a regional member of the Commission,

Noting that Chinese is one of the working languages of the United Nations,

Affirming that, in the interest of the work of the Commission, Chinese should be accorded the status of a working language,

Decides to include Chinese among the working languages of the Commission and to amend accordingly the relevant provisions of its rules of procedure.

489th meeting,
4 April 1974.

Annex

Inclusion of Chinese among the working languages of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East: Amendments to rules 44, 45 and 54 *(d)* of the rules of procedure of the Commission

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Having regard to its decision to include Chinese among the working languages of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East and to amend accordingly the relevant provisions of the rules of procedure of the Commission,

Having considered the note by the Executive Secretary,

Decides with effect from ..... that rules 44, 45 and 54 *(d)* of the rules of procedure of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East should be amended as follows:

Chapter VIII

LANGUAGES

Rule 44

Chinese, English and French shall be the working languages of the Commission.

Rule 45

Speeches made in any of the three working languages of the Commission shall be interpreted into the other two languages.

Chapter XII

RELATIONS WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Rule 54

(d) A written statement submitted by an organization in category I will be circulated in full if it does not exceed 2,000 words. Where a statement is in excess of 2,000 words, the organization shall submit a summary, which will be circulated, or shall supply sufficient copies of the full text in the three working