

inter alia appropriate land reforms; and also calls upon the international community to provide all possible assistance to the developing countries to enable them to achieve this objective;

3. *Recommends* that the developing member countries accelerate the implementation of programmes for providing education, health, housing and other social services to the common people, and bring about rural development through the active participation of the people in the planning and implementation process;

4. *Invites* member countries to continue their efforts to effectively solve the continuing and critical balance-of-payments difficulties with the fullest co-operation and assistance of the developed countries and other countries which have the resources, at the same time appreciating the steps taken by the international community to find solutions to those difficulties;

5. *Recommends* that the developing countries, wherever appropriate, increasingly utilize the technologies developed by them and suited to their needs and their domestic natural resources through genuine technological co-operation;

6. *Further recommends* co-operative effort among or between the countries of the region in order to solve the fundamental problems relating to commodities and raw materials, in connexion with their trade, transit facilities and development as appropriate;

7. *Invites* member countries to explore the possibilities of intensifying regional co-operation for the development of shipping and ports;

8. *Urges* the maximum utilization of regional skills, capabilities and expertise in the activities of the Commission, particularly in the implementation of the integrated programme of work, especially in the priority areas;

9. *Declares* that the countries of the region should approach their various problems in a spirit of expanding subregional and regional understanding and growing international co-operation, and that the deliberations of the session of the Commission should constitute a contribution to the early establishment of a New International Economic Order and to a new development strategy by focusing special attention on the common people and the improvement of the quality of their life and living conditions through growth with social justice.

*500th meeting,
6 March 1975.*

155 (XXXI). Change of name of the Asian Institute for Economic Development and Planning

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling Commission resolution 43 (XIX) establishing the Asian Institute for Economic Development and Planning,

Recognizing the importance of a unified approach to development,

Noting that the work programme of the Institute for 1975 and the guidelines of the work plan

for phase III, 1976-1980, place equal emphasis on the economic and the social aspects of development,

Further noting the recommendation of the Governing Council of the Institute at its 24th meeting that the present name of the Institute, "Asian Institute for Economic Development and Planning", be changed to "Asian Development Institute",

Decides to change the name of the Institute from "Asian Institute for Economic Development and Planning" to "Asian Development Institute" in keeping with the integrated approach to development of its activities.

*500th meeting,
6 March 1975.*

156 (XXXI). Establishment of the Asian Centre for Agricultural Machinery

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolution 145 (XXX) on the establishment of the Asian Centre for Agricultural Machinery in the Philippines,

Noting with appreciation the progress made in implementing the said resolution,

Taking cognizance of the recommendations of the UNDP/UNIDO/FAO/ESCAP Preparatory Mission on Technical Assistance for the Development of Agricultural Machinery Suitable for Use and Production in Asian Countries,

1. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to take immediate appropriate measures to implement the recommendations of the UNDP/UNIDO/FAO/ESCAP Preparatory Mission, and to locate the regional centre in the Philippines;

2. *Welcomes* the decision of the United Nations Development Programme, designating the Commission as the executing agency for the preparatory assistance phase of the project;

3. *Requests* the United Nations Development Programme, in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1896 (LVII), to designate the Commission as the executing agency for the project;

4. *Urges* the international organizations and institutions concerned with the development and adaptation of suitable agricultural machinery and all member countries to extend their fullest assistance in order to ensure the successful implementation of the project.

*500th meeting,
6 March 1975.*

157 (XXXI). Regional Plan of Action for the Enhancement of the Role of Women in Development

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3010 (XXVII) proclaiming the year 1975 International Women's Year, 3275 (XXIX) calling upon Govern-