

158 (XXXI). Regional training institutions of the Commission supported by the United Nations Development Programme

*The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,*

Recalling its resolution 148 (XXX), regarding the over-all review of the Commission's regional training institutions supported by the United Nations Development Programme, 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,

Noting with appreciation the action taken by the Executive Secretary to organize a mission to undertake an over-all review of the Commission's regional institutions,

Deeply appreciative of the financial assistance provided by the United Nations Development Programme, which enabled the Executive Secretary to field a mission to undertake the over-all review of the institutions,

Taking cognizance of the report of the Review Mission to the Executive Secretary<sup>4</sup> and the findings and recommendations contained therein,

Taking note of the Executive Secretary's report<sup>5</sup> on the regional institutions, and the recommendations and proposals contained therein,

1. Requests the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Governments concerned, in particular with the Governments of host countries, the United Nations Development Programme, and the appropriate offices of the United Nations Headquarters, to take all necessary steps in line with the recommendations and proposals contained in his report to:

(a) Effect the appropriate changes in the various legal instruments or plans of operation governing the regional institutions in order that these institutions may become intergovernmental entities;

(b) Establish a single intergovernmental governing council for the four institutions, which will replace the existing separate governing/advisory bodies;

(c) Set up a co-ordinating committee at the technical level to assist the intergovernmental governing council;

(d) Establish an expert advisory committee for each of the institutions to assist them in their respective substantive programme areas;

(e) Entrust the intergovernmental governing council with the consideration of the question of budget consolidation after it has gained some experience through the implementation of the other measures provided for by this resolution;

(f) Keep under review the question of the eventual integration of the Asian Institute for Economic Development and Planning and the Asian Centre for Development Administration;

<sup>4</sup> E/CN.11/1211.

<sup>5</sup> E/CN.11/1209.

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*

(g) Prepare for the gradual tapering-off of institutional support, and phasing-in of programme support provided by the United Nations Development Programme for the regional institutions, subject to the qualifications contained in the Executive Secretary's report;

(h) Take the necessary steps for the designation of the Commission as executing agency for the regional institutions supported by the United Nations Development Programme, and arrange for the allotment of the necessary funds to the Commission for this purpose;

2. Invites the United Nations Centre for Regional Development, in Nagoya, Japan, to continue its collaboration with the Executive Secretary and the regional institutions;

3. Earnestly calls upon the United Nations Development Programme and the appropriate offices of the United Nations Headquarters to assist the Executive Secretary in his efforts to implement the recommendations of this resolution and those contained in the Executive Secretary's report,<sup>6</sup> and to expedite the process of delegation of executing agency functions for the regional institutions to the Commission as well as the allotment of the necessary funds to it for this purpose;

4. Requests the Executive Secretary to expedite the launching of the Asian Centre for Training and Research in Social Welfare and Development, and to take all necessary measures to ensure that, during the transition period resulting from the implementation of the foregoing recommendations, the activities, programmes and operations of all the institutions shall not be adversely affected;

5. Further requests the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its thirty-second session on the progress made.

500th meeting,  
6 March 1975.

#### 159 (XXXI). Regional centre for technology transfer

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Realizing that technology plays an important role in the process of the rapid industrialization of developing countries and that their industrial backwardness is a reflection of the technological backwardness,

Recognizing that technology transfer on fair terms is of crucial importance to the industrialization of developing countries,

Aware that most of the developing countries are facing serious problems in acquiring/importing technology to suit their special needs,

Bearing in mind that the mere importation of technology from developed countries is inadequate and that, more importantly, technology needs to be adapted, absorbed and innovated in an appropriate manner to service the varied needs of developing countries,