

organizational and institutional instruments for intensifying rural regeneration and mobilization; and

(f) Further studies of various aspects of agrarian reforms and problems arising in their implementation,

*Reiterating* that the responsibility for promoting and implementing rural development lies primarily with the national Governments,

*Believing* that possibilities may exist for subregional and regional co-operation in assisting national endeavours to deal with the problems of rural development, in particular through the role of the Commission in providing the relevant over-all conceptual framework for rural development, and in co-ordinating, in close consultation with the agencies and organizations concerned, and implementing activities in this field at the subregional and regional level,

*Taking into account* the programmes and activities on rural development of various international agencies,

*Motivated* by a common desire to alleviate mass poverty in the region and to ensure the optimum utilization of available resources to achieve results in the field of rural development,

1. *Invites* member Governments to give increasing attention to the problems of rural development, including the adoption of policies aimed at evolving integrated rural development programmes;

2. *Calls upon* the legislative committees of the Commission and the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission to give increased attention in their deliberations and recommendations to the formulation and implementation of activities which have relevance to rural development, bearing in mind the necessity of ensuring the full participation of women in the formulation and implementation of rural development projects, and keeping in view the need to give special attention to the requirements of the least developed and the land-locked countries;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to draw up a detailed programme of work on rural development and land reforms in the light of the discussions at the thirty-second session of the Commission and in partnership with the agencies and international organizations concerned, to take all necessary measures conducive to its successful implementation, including the convening of an intergovernmental expert meeting and a regional conference, and to submit a progress report in this regard to the Commission at its thirty-third session;

4. *Urges* member countries and all other developed countries to continue and increase to the extent

possible their assistance to member countries of the Commission in implementing activities relating to rural development;

5. *Requests* international agencies and organizations to participate and assist in the successful implementation of activities relating to rural development.

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## 162 (XXXII). Technical co-operation among developing countries

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

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 3251 (XXIX) and 3461 (XXX) on the promotion of technical co-operation among developing countries,

*Further recalling* the decisions of the General Assembly at its seventh special session, which laid special emphasis on the intensification of co-operation among the developing countries,

*Also recalling* Commission resolution 154 (XXXI) containing the New Delhi Declaration, which recommended that the developing countries, wherever appropriate, increasingly utilize the technologies developed by them and suited to their needs and requirements through genuine technological co-operation, and urged the maximum utilization of regional skills, capabilities and expertise in the implementation of the activities of the Commission,

*Noting* the enormous potential for technical co-operation among developing countries in the region, not only through traditional forms of mutual co-operation but also through new and innovative approaches in matching the capabilities and requirements of developing member countries, taking into account the need to maintain quality and standards, and through co-operative efforts to solve specific common problems and needs,

*Recognizing* the considerable level of technical co-operation among developing countries in the region, both bilateral and multilateral, and the fact that the programme of work of the Commission is primarily geared towards the promotion of such co-operation,

*Conscious*, however, of the general lack of knowledge and awareness regarding the capabilities of developing countries of the region for technical co-operation among developing countries and their relevance to the requirements of development, and of the importance

of improving the knowledge of, and confidence in, the existing and potential capabilities of the developing countries of the region,

*Taking into account* the scope and potential of interregional co-operation in this field and the common objectives of development of developing countries all over the world,

*Recognizing* that technical co-operation among developing countries should form an integral part of the total development effort and also of the mutual co-operation among developing countries for development and self-reliance,

*Also recognizing* that the distinction between donor and recipient countries has no place in technical co-operation among developing countries,

*Viewing* technical co-operation among developing countries as an effort to enhance the total availability of assistance, including the existing and potential technical assistance from developed to developing countries,

*Emphasizing* the need for the concept of technical co-operation among developing countries to be as broad and flexible as possible and based upon mutual benefit,

*Further emphasizing* the need to give special attention to the specific requirements and capabilities of the least developed countries, the land-locked and developing island countries,

*Noting with appreciation* the initiatives taken by the United Nations Development Programme and the Commission in convening a regional meeting on technical co-operation among developing countries at the Commission's headquarters in February/March 1976.

*Welcoming* the efforts undertaken by the Commission to compile information on the availability of training facilities, and consultancy services among the developing member countries.

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the UNDP/ESCAP Regional Meeting on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries;<sup>4</sup>

2. *Calls upon* the legislative committees of the Commission to give particular attention to the intensification of technical co-operation among developing countries in their respective sectors, not only through traditional forms but also through innovative approaches in order to match capabilities with require-

ments of developing countries in the region through such diverse means as investment promotion meetings and trade negotiations, and to reorient the programme of work in this direction to the extent necessary;

3. *Reaffirms* the role of the Commission as a regional focal and co-ordinating point in enhancing the quantum and quality of technical co-operation among developing countries in the region;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to take appropriate measures to further intensify interregional co-operation through the exchange of information and experiences with other regional commissions and through the joint programming of activities;

5. *Calls upon* the Executive Secretary to consider appropriate measures to expand and develop technical co-operation among developing countries and to report on his findings to the Commission at its thirty-third session;

6. *Urges* international organizations at the regional level, including the Commission, to

(a) Give special attention on a continuing basis to the formulation and implementation of activities to promote technical co-operation among developing countries in the region;

(b) Assist in the development and strengthening of administrative and organizational infrastructures at the national level, where required, in order to promote technical co-operation among developing countries in the region;

(c) Increasingly promote subcontracting and other arrangements, and utilize experts, consultancy services and equipment from developing countries in the region in implementing development projects and activities;

(d) Intensify programmes for the training and acquisition of skills to improve the capacities and capabilities of the developing countries in the region for mutual assistance;

(e) Formulate activities of an innovative nature designed to serve specific common needs of the countries of the region;

(f) Strengthen the collection and dissemination of information on the capacities and requirements of the developing countries in the region in regard to technical co-operation among themselves;

(g) Secure an increasing emphasis on the promotion of technical co-operation among developing

<sup>4</sup> E/CN.11/1265/CONS.

countries in the formulation and implementation of their programme of work, and monitor and evaluate the implementation of such programmes with a view to ensuring and enhancing their quality and effectiveness;

7. *Urges* developing member countries of the Commission to take the necessary measures to establish and strengthen institutional and other arrangements at the national level for the promotion of technical co-operation among developing countries.

8. *Further urges* the developing member countries of the Commission in a position to do so to render all possible assistance in the implementation of the programme of work of the Commission, particularly to activities having a direct bearing on the promotion of technical co-operation among developing countries and to the fellowships programme, by offering and financing training facilities;

9. *Calls upon* the developed countries to support all these initiatives and measures to promote technical co-operation among developing countries through the provision to the extent possible of full financial and technical assistance, including financing of the flow of experts between developing countries and triangular arrangements between the developing countries, the Commission and themselves;

10. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to transmit the text of this resolution and of the relevant discussions on the subject at the thirty-second session of the Commission to the United Nations Development Programme so as to supplement the report of the Regional Meeting on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries as the regional contribution to the global conference on technical co-operation among developing countries, to be held in 1977.

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#### **163 (XXXII). Establishment of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity**

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

*Convinced* of the need to ensure balanced development of the telecommunication services of the ESCAP region at a pace commensurate with the economic and social development of the region,

*Considering* the need for co-operation in the detailed planning and management of the existing and projected telecommunication services within the region in the light of the current rapid development of telecommunication in the region and of the implementation of the Asian telecommunication network,

*Realizing* the need for establishment of a consultative organization within the region for the settlement of telecommunication matters which are susceptible of being treated on a regional basis,

*Recognizing* the need for permanent machinery to correlate planning and operational arrangements among national telecommunication organizations within the region,

1. *Endorses* the report of the Intergovernmental Working Party of Experts to Finalize the Constitution of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity<sup>5</sup> and adopts the Constitution of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity;

2. *Urges* the members and associate members concerned to sign the Constitution and to deposit the instruments of ratification or acceptance as early as possible;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, in co-operation with the International Telecommunication Union, to undertake all preparatory work in connexion with the financing arrangements and the convening of the inaugural sessions of the General Assembly and the Management Committee and the establishment of the secretariat of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity in August 1977 or as early as possible thereafter;

4. *Further requests* the interested donor countries and agencies, including specifically the United Nations Development Programme, to provide all possible assistance in the establishment and operation in the initial stages of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity;

5. *Calls upon* the member and associate member Governments to fully support the preparatory work for the early establishment of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity and its operations on its establishment.

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#### **164 (XXXII). Establishment of the Regional Centre for Technology Transfer**

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

<sup>5</sup> E/CN.11/L.441/INF.