

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.

*509th meeting,
31 March 1976.*

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,

⁵ E/CN.11/L.441/INF.

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 Telecommunity⁵ 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.

*508th meeting,
27 March 1976.*

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

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,