

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,

Recalling its resolution 159 (XXXI) regarding the proposal to establish the centre for technology transfer in India,

Noting with appreciation the action taken by the Executive Secretary in appointing a group of regional experts as well as arranging the requisite resources to complete the feasibility study and comprehensive project report,

Reiterating that technology plays an important role in the process of rapid industrialization of the developing countries, that the development and transfer of technology appropriate to the needs of the developing member countries of the region are among the most important requirements for the fuller utilization of resources, that improvements in technological capabilities will contribute to elimination of poverty, raising of the standards of living, initiation of a process of rapid modernization and strengthening of self-reliance,

Recognizing the consistent emphasis placed in international forums on the elimination of technological gaps between developed and developing countries,

Taking note of the feasibility study and project report on the establishment of a regional centre for technology transfer,⁶

1. *Recommends* the establishment of a regional centre for the transfer of technology in India in pursuance of Commission resolution 159 (XXXI);

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to take fully into account General Assembly resolutions 3362 (S-VII) section (III) and 3507 (XXX);

3. *Calls upon* the Executive Secretary to work closely with all international organizations and institutions engaged in developing a world-wide system for technology transfer, especially the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, and to seek as appropriate the assistance of these organizations and institutions in the timely establishment of the proposed regional centre;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, in consultation with all concerned, to take all necessary steps, including the convening of an intergovernmental meeting, for the establishment of the proposed centre upon the finalization of its terms of reference;

5. *Requests* the United Nations Development Programme, in accordance with Economic and Social

Council resolution 1896 (LVII), to designate the Commission as executing agency for the project.

*509th meeting,
31 March 1976.*

165 (XXXII). Establishment of the Asia and Pacific Centre for Women and Development

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3520 (XXX), which proclaimed 1976-1985 as the Decade for Women and Development and *inter alia* called upon the regional commissions to develop and implement as a matter of priority effective strategies to further the objectives of the World Plan of Action at the regional and subregional levels,

Recalling also resolutions 14 and 26 of the World Conference of the International Women's Year, which specifically noted the inadequacy of research data and information as an impediment to the formulation of development strategies and programmes for the advancement of women,

Noting the endorsement of the Asian Plan by the World Conference of the International Women's Year and of its recommendations for regional action,

Further recalling its resolution 157 (XXXI) on a Regional Plan of Action for the Enhancement of the Role of Women in Development, which *inter alia* requested the Executive Secretary to undertake the early implementation of the Asian Plan, and endorsed the offer made by the Government of Iran to the Commission to host a Centre in Iran as a regional institution of the Commission,

1. *Decides* that the Centre be established on the same lines as the Commission's other regional training and research institutions and commence its operations as soon as possible;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to take all necessary measures in this connexion, including the finalization of the project document, negotiations with the Government of Iran on host Government obligations, and the holding of intergovernmental consultations;

3. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to ensure that this Centre functions in such a manner as to complement the functions of the international institute proposed in General Assembly resolution 3520 (XXX), when this institute is established;

⁶ E/CN.11/L.442/INF.