

*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,<sup>6</sup>

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;

<sup>6</sup> E/CN.11/L.442/INF.

4. *Calls upon* member countries and other interested countries to make such voluntary contributions as will ensure the provision of the funds required for the operation of the Centre;

5. *Urges* the United Nations Development Programme to provide financial support for the Centre as soon as possible in line with its support for the other existing regional institutions;

6. *Further urges* other United Nations agencies, governmental and non-governmental organizations, national and international agencies and institutions, foundations, individuals and other donors to provide financial and technical assistance to the Centre;

7. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report on progress to the Commission at its thirty-third session.

*509th meeting,  
31 March 1976.*

**166 (XXXII). Regional training and research institutions of the Commission supported by the United Nations Development Programme**

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

*Recalling* its resolution 158 (XXXI), relating to the over-all review and the co-ordination and integration of programmes and operations of the Commission's regional training and research institutions supported by the United Nations Development Programme, namely, the Asian Development Institute, the Asian Statistical Institute, the Asian Centre for Development Administration and the Asian Centre for Training and Research in Social Welfare and Development,

*Taking note* of the action taken by the Executive Secretary to convene the first joint governing/advisory councils meeting of the regional institutions, and to convene a steering committee for charting the course of action regarding the implementation of resolution 158 (XXXI),

*Taking note* of the Executive Secretary's report on the regional institutions,<sup>7</sup> and endorsing the recommendations and proposals contained therein,

*Expressing deep appreciation* to the Government of the Republic of Philippines, the participating

Governments and the United Nations Development Programme for their contribution towards finalizing the establishment of the Asian Centre for Training and Research in Social Welfare and Development at Manila,

*Noting with appreciation* the favourable response by United Nations Headquarters and the United Nations Development Programme in delegating executing agency functions in respect of the regional institutions to the Commission, and in agreeing to make available the necessary funds for that purpose,

*Expressing deep concern* at the current grave financial situation of the United Nations Development Programme and its immediate impact on the operation of the existing and proposed regional institutions.

*Recalling* its resolution 123 (XXVIII) on the extension of the Asian Institute for Economic Development and Planning (now the Asian Development Institute) into a third phase and ensuring the permanency of the Institute in accordance with the recommendations of its Governing Council, whereby the Commission decided that the Institute should become a permanent organization and should continue to function as a regional institution supported by the United Nations,

*Noting* that the existing premises of the Asian Development Institute have been temporarily provided by Thailand and are available only until the end of 1977,

*Further noting* the offer by the Royal Government of Thailand at the thirty-first session of the Commission to extend host facilities to the Asian Development Institute on a permanent basis, and to provide a piece of land at Bangkok and contribute 20 per cent towards the building cost of the Institute,

1. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, in close consultation with the Governments concerned, to take all necessary steps to implement Commission resolution 158 (XXXI), including the following:

(a) Establishment in 1977 of the single inter-governmental governing council for the regional institutions, the composition of which should be based on the criteria mentioned below:

- (i) Permanent seats for representatives of the host Governments;
- (ii) Geographic representation on a rotational basis;
- (iii) Financial contributions by regional member Governments; and
- (iv) Consideration for the least developed countries;

<sup>7</sup> E/CN.11/1251/CONS.