

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,⁷ 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;

⁷ E/CN.11/1251/CONS.

(b) Setting up in 1976 of a co-ordinating committee at the technical level to assist in the co-ordination and integration of programmes and operations of the regional institutions as well as in the process of establishing a single intergovernmental governing council. The co-ordinating committee, in carrying out its functions, should undertake close and continuing consultations, particularly with host Governments;

(c) Establishment in 1976 of an expert advisory committee for each of the regional institutions to assist them in their respective substantive programme areas;

(d) Exercise of the powers of the existing governing/advisory councils until the single intergovernmental governing council becomes operational in 1977;

2. *Earnestly appeals* to all members and associated members of the Commission, other donor countries, interested agencies, foundations and institutions to consider generously providing additional or new contributions to the regional institutions in order to alleviate their current financial situation, and also appeals to them and to the United Nations Development Programme in particular to make every effort to ensure the financial stability of the regional institutions on a long-term basis;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to take all necessary steps to help to improve the current financial situation of the regional institutions;

4. *Urges* the Executive Secretary to take all necessary measures, in consultation with interested Governments, with regard to the final decision on hosting facilities for the Asian Development Institute;

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

509th meeting,
31 March 1976.

167 (XXXII). Implementation of the decisions of the World Food Conference

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recognizing the magnitude of the food problems in Asia and keeping in mind the role assigned by the General Assembly at its twenty-ninth session to the World Food Council in implementing the resolutions of the World Food Conference and in co-ordinating the activities of the United Nations agencies,

1. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to collaborate fully with and support the efforts of the World Food Council in this task in order to accelerate agricultural development in the developing countries of the region;

2. *Urges* the countries in a position to do so in accordance with the decisions of the World Food Conference to contribute to the International Fund for Agricultural Development so that it may be established in 1976;

3. *Also urges* countries to do their utmost to meet, at the second session of the World Food Council (May-June 1976), the target of 10 million tons of food aid proposed by the World Food Conference.

509th meeting,
31 March 1976.

168 (XXXII). Legislative arrangements on shipping

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling that one of the important objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade is to promote by national, regional and international action the earnings of developing countries from invisible trade, including shipping, and that the national shipping lines of developing countries should have an increasing and substantial participation in the carriage of cargoes generated by their foreign trade,

Bearing in mind that the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly, provides *inter alia* that all efforts should be made:

(a) To promote an increasing and equitable participation of developing countries in the world shipping tonnage;

(b) To arrest and reduce the ever-increasing freight rates in order to reduce the cost of imports to, and exports from, the developing countries;

Noting with concern that the combined fleets of the developing member countries in 1973 accounted for only 3 per cent of the world fleet (d.w.t.),

Recognizing the potential that exists for the successful development of the shipping industry in the developing countries of the Asia and the Pacific region, in particular in the following areas: