

Resolution 16 (XII)

Economic development and planning

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Considering that it is of overriding importance to the countries of Asia and the Far East to increase the rate of economic growth,

Bearing in mind that economic planning is a necessary instrument for an optimum allocation of efforts and resources available and for accelerating economic development in the ECAFE region,

Believing that accelerated industrialization is of vital importance to the development of balanced economies of Asian countries,

1. *Notes* with satisfaction and approval the report of the Working Party on Economic Development and Planning (E/CN.11/412) and further notes the various observations made during the discussion of the report in the Commission;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to continue to make available to Governments information on the development plans in the region with a view to assisting them in taking into account developments in, and plans of, other countries in the region;

3. *Requests* the Working Party to deal with development policies and means for implementation of development programmes as well as with problems of planning and implementation in separate major sectors of the economies of the ECAFE region;

4. *Requests* the Governments of the countries in the region to continue and increase their co-operation within the framework of ECAFE in advancing studies of economic development problems, policies and plans and in the elaboration of techniques of programming adapted to the needs and problems of Asian countries.

*165th meeting,
10 February 1956.*

Resolution 17 (XII)

Report of the United Nations Seminar on Population in Asia and the Far East

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Having considered the report of the Seminar on Population (E/CN.11/415),

Considering that transmigration and land settlement are effective instruments of economic development and social amelioration,

Noting the results and progress already achieved in certain countries in the ECAFE area in making their landless citizens more productive and contented through resettlement,

Noting further that there are various resettlement schemes in the area which differ from one another to some extent in their major outlines and minor details to meet certain conditions and situations peculiar to each country,

Believing that there is a need for exchange of data, information and experience in this field of economic and social development and for the tabulation and correlation of data and information already available,

Recommends to the Economic and Social Council the implementation of paragraph 55 of the Report of the United Nations Seminar on Population in Asia and the Far East, to consider appropriate measures for the early organization of a seminar "for the discussion of problems of transmigration and land settlement on the basis of field studies from demographic, economic, social and technical points of view".

*165th meeting,
10 February 1956.*

Part VI

DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR ACTION BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Economic and Social Council

Takes note of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East for the period 8 April 1955 to 14 February 1956, of the recommendations contained in the account of proceedings of the twelfth session of the Commission and of the programme of work and priorities contained therein.

*168th meeting,
14 February 1956.*

Part VII

PROGRAMME OF WORK AND PRIORITIES

312. At its 168th meeting, held on 14 February 1956, the Commission unanimously approved the programme of work and priorities set forth below. The Executive Secretary had previously submitted a note on "Additional staff required for implementation of the work programme", which is given as annex VII to this report.

313. This programme was adopted in the light of the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee on Industry and Trade (eighth session) (E/CN.11/425), the report of the Inland Transport Committee (fifth session) (E/CN.11/416), the report on the activities of the secretariat in the field of flood control and water