

that Governments receiving experts should continue to provide home personnel to work with them in preparation for following up the technical assistance programme. The Commission drew the attention of the Governments of the region to the need for the proper placement of the technical assistance fellows on completion of their training.

307. The Commission was gratified to note that several countries were ready to continue to provide, and in some cases to increase, technical assistance facilities to the countries of the region.

308. The Commission noted that TAC had laid special stress on the need for periodic evaluation of the results obtained under the Expanded Programme and considered that such evaluation could be undertaken in co-operation with ECAFE.

309. The Commission noted that the ECAFE secretariat was maintaining an effective liaison with TAA. In this connexion, the Commission was awaiting with interest the results of the experiment in the decentralization of the activities of TAA in co-operation with the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Latin America (ECLA).

DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT SESSION

310. The Commission welcomed the invitation of the Government of the Federation of Malaya to hold its fourteenth session at Kuala Lumpur in 1958. The Commission unanimously decided that, subject to the approval of the appropriate United Nations bodies, the invitation of the Government of the Federation of Malaya should be accepted and that the date of the meeting should be determined by the Executive Secretary in consultation with the Government of the Federation of Malaya. The Commission also authorized the Executive Secretary to determine the dates of the first session of the Committee on Industry and Natural Resources and the seventh session of the Inland Transport Committee, in the light of the dates fixed for the fourteenth session of the Commission.

311. The Commission noted the statement of the representative of Pakistan that his Government had also wished to invite the Commission to hold its session in Pakistan but that, having regard to the invitation of the Government of the Federation of Malaya, his Government hoped that it would be possible for the Commission to hold its session in Pakistan in a subsequent year.

Part III

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION AT ITS THIRTEENTH SESSION

18 (XIII). Tenth anniversary of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,
Expressing its appreciation to the United Nations for having established the Commission ten years ago,

Considering that the Commission has, during this period, rendered useful services to the countries of the region,

1. *Requests* the member and associate member States of the Commission and others participating in its work to continue their co-operation with the Commission with a view to fulfilling further the Commission's purposes and objectives;

2. *Requests* that member States co-operate with the United Nations in making known to the public the aims and activities of the Commission;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to arrange for the early publication of a history of the first decade of the Commission which may include the statements of delegations on the tenth anniversary of ECAFE.

*187th meeting,
28 March 1957.*

19 (XIII). Committee structure of the Commission

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Bearing in mind that the present committee structure of the Commission was developed gradually, in the course of years, to meet the growing requirements of the member countries,

Bearing in mind that the Commission's activities in the field of industry and natural resources and in the field of trade have considerably developed and grown in size and importance,

Having considered the Executive Secretary's note on the committee structure of the Commission²⁰ which transmitted to the Commission an account of the views of the member and associate member Governments on this subject,

Decides:

(1) That the Committee on Industry and Trade shall be renamed the Committee on Industry and Natural Resources, with the following terms of reference:

(a) To review the plans and problems of industrial development of countries of the region with reference to organization, management and training, productivity and efficiency, and other technical and economic aspects relating to specific industries, groups of industries and over-all industrial development, and generally to promote the industrial development of the countries of the region;

(b) To review the plans and problems relative to the survey, exploitation, development and utilization of mineral, energy and other resources for industry of the countries of the region, with reference to their technical and economic aspects including those of organization, management, training, productivity and efficiency of the industries and activities in these fields;

²⁰ E/CN.11/444.

(c) To have due regard to the work being done in these fields by the United Nations and other international agencies;

(d) To review and co-ordinate the activities of its subsidiary bodies in the field of industrial development, development of mineral and energy resources, including those of the Sub-Committee on Mineral Resources Development, the Sub-Committee on Electric Power, the Sub-Committee on Iron and Steel, the Working Party on Small-Scale Industries and Handicraft Marketing, the Working Party on Housing and Building Materials and other subsidiary bodies which it may set up to consider specific problems; and

(e) To transmit its findings and recommendations to the member and associate member Governments, and to report on its activities to the Commission;

(2) That the Sub-Committee on Trade shall be renamed the Committee on Trade, with the following terms of reference:

(a) To review the trade and commercial policies of the countries of the region and to promote the development of trade, both between the countries of the region and between the region and the rest of the world, with a view to assisting the economic development of the countries of the region;

(b) To review the progress made by the countries of the region in, and promote the development of techniques and methods for, trade promotion, including the training of trade promotion personnel;

(c) To consider other problems affecting international trade, including price stabilization of commodities, financial institutions and financing of trade, standardization of commodities, commercial arbitration, market research, shipping facilities and freight rates, transit facilities for land-locked countries, and organization and machinery for trade and commerce, having due regard to the work being done in these fields by the United Nations and other international agencies;

(d) To transmit its findings and recommendations to the member and associate member Governments, and to report on its activities to the Commission.

182nd meeting,
26 March 1957.

20 (XIII). Regional studies of demographic trends and economic development

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Having considered the note by the Executive Secretary entitled "Tentative programme of work and priorities: regional demographic studies",²¹

Keeping in view the high rate of growth of population in most of the countries of the region,

Recognizing the importance of the problems of the growth of population in economic development, particularly in relation to the demand for goods and services, the creation of employment opportunities and the requirements of capital for investments,

²¹ ECAFE/14.

Noting that the project entitled "Relationship between population growth and economic development" (02-03), included in the programme of work approved by the Commission at its twelfth session, is now classified under Group 2 as an *ad hoc* project of high priority,

Noting further the fact that the Population Commission at its ninth session considered that the study of population trends in relation to economic development required a large amount of work and that it proposed to regard such study in the ECAFE region as a field of continuing work,

1. Decides to reclassify the project in its work programme under group 1 as a continuing project of high priority;

2. Requests the Executive Secretary (a) to provide the necessary resources for the project, (b) to establish initial priorities within this field of work, and (c) to report on progress and on the further programme of work at the next session of the Commission;

3. Welcomes the assistance of the Population Branch of the Bureau of Social Affairs of the United Nations to the ECAFE secretariat;

4. Requests member and associate member Governments of the Commission to supply available material and information and extend other assistance to the secretariat in these studies.

187th meeting,
28 March 1957.

21 (XIII). Conference of Asian Statisticians

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Having considered the report of the fourth Regional Conference of Statisticians,²²

Noting with satisfaction the progress made in the direction of improving statistical methods in the ECAFE countries through the statistical conferences and working parties held to date,

Realizing, however, the need for further strengthening the co-operation among government statisticians in the development of statistical standards and the improvement of statistics,

Taking note of the approval by the Statistical Commission of the United Nations at its ninth session of the establishment of the Conference of Asian Statisticians,

1. Approves the proposal of the fourth Regional Conference of Statisticians to establish the Conference of Asian Statisticians,

2. Requests the Conference of Asian Statisticians to report to the Commission at its next session the proposed work programme of the Conference.

181st meeting,
25 March 1957.

22 (XIII). Land settlement

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Recalling its resolution 17 (XII) adopted unanimously at its twelfth session,

²² E/CN.11/433.