(*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,

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,

[21] ECAFE/14.

[22] E/CN.11/433.