

(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.

Believing that the implementation of that resolution will contribute substantially to the economic and social advancement of the region,

Believing further that a study tour of government officials responsible for land settlement activities in the countries of the ECAFE region will constitute an important step in the implementation of the above-mentioned resolution,

1. *Considers* that this study tour deserves the priority accorded to important regional technical assistance projects;

2. *Invites* the ECAFE secretariat, the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to explore the possibility of carrying out this project in 1958 and to avail themselves of the offer of co-operation contained in the statement by the World Veterans Federation.²³

187th meeting,
28 March 1957.

²³ E/CN.11/NGO/18.

Part IV

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 15 February 1956 to 28 March 1957, of the recommendations contained in the account of proceedings of the thirteenth session of the Commission and of the programme of work and priorities contained therein.

187th meeting,
28 March 1957.

Part V

PROGRAMME OF WORK AND PRIORITIES

312. At its 187th meeting held on 28 March 1957, the Commission unanimously approved the programme of work and priorities set forth below. The programme of work and priorities was adopted in the light of the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee on Industry and Trade (ninth session) (E/CN.11/451), the report of the Inland Transport Committee (sixth session) (E/CN.11/450), the report of the second meeting of the Working Party on Economic Development and Planning (ECAFE/L.114, *Economic Bulletin for Asia and the Far East*, vol. VII, No. 3), and the programme of work of the joint ECAFE/FAO Division of Agriculture as agreed between the Executive Secretary and the Director-General of FAO; and also in the light of inter-secretariat consultations with the ILO, UNESCO, WHO, WMO and the International Monetary Fund on projects having a bearing on their respective fields of interest.

313. As in the past, in preparing the programme of work and priorities, the Commission continued to follow a series of basic directives and decisions of the Economic and Social Council and of the General Assembly, as well as recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, regarding programmes and priorities in the economic and social fields, concentration and co-ordination of efforts and resources, control and limitation of documentation and related questions. Particular attention has been given to the recommendations contained in Economic and Social

Council resolutions 324 (XI), 362 B (XII), 402 B (XIII), 451 A (XIV), 497 C (XVI), 553 (XVIII), 557 (XVIII), 590 (XX), 597 (XXI), 604 (XXI) and 630 (XXII).

314. Economic and Social Council resolution 597 A (XXI) "Economic development of under-developed countries Industrialization", in paragraph 8:

"*Requests* the regional economic commissions, in order to achieve a co-ordinated approach in the work in this field, to take due account, in planning and formulating their future activities, of the work programme in the field of industrialization and productivity."

315. Economic and Social Council resolution 630 A I (XXII), "General review of the development and co-ordination of the economic, social and human rights programmes and activities of the United Nations and the specialized agencies as a whole",

"4. *Reiterates* the appeal made by the General Assembly in its resolution 125 (II) of 20 November 1947 and *calls upon* the States members of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies to take urgent measures to ensure on the national level a co-ordinated policy in regard to the activities of the United Nations and of the various specialized agencies, in order that greater concentration on major projects and fuller co-ordination may be achieved between the United Nations and the specialized agencies in the economic, social and human rights fields;