

Part III

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION AT ITS FOURTEENTH SESSION

23 (XIV). Intraregional trade promotion talks

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Taking note of the report of the first session of the Committee on Trade on intraregional trade promotion talks,²⁵

Considering it desirable to exploit every opportunity of further expanding trade between the countries of the region,

1. *Decides* to hold intraregional trade promotion talks, on an experimental basis, under the following terms:

(a) The trade promotion talks shall be held within the framework of the United Nations resolutions and without prejudice to the international obligations of the countries concerned;

(b) The trade promotion talks shall be held among experts in trade nominated by those Governments of members and associate members of the Commission which desire to participate therein and which are located in the territories of Asia and the Far East as defined in its terms of reference;

(c) The trade promotion talks shall be held in camera, and without any formal record of proceedings;

(d) After some experience has been gathered about the progress and results of these talks the Commission shall consider whether it is advisable to continue or discontinue such talks, or modify the procedures thereof;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To arrange for the holding of the trade promotion talks as early as practicable;

(b) To obtain such general information as may be required on the subjects which each expert may wish to take up in the course of the trade promotion talks, and provide such information to the Government concerned;

(c) To make such other arrangements as may be required.

*196th meeting,
11 March 1958.*

24 (XIV). Transport and communications

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Having taken due note of the recommendation made in paragraph 71 of the report of the Inland Transport Committee (seventh session),²⁶

Decides that the title of the Inland Transport Committee be changed to the "Inland Transport and Communications Committee".

*196 meeting,
11 March 1958.*

25 (XIV). Development of the lower Mekong basin

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Having considered the report of the Committee for Co-ordination of Investigations of the Lower Mekong Basin,²⁷

1. *Commends* the extent of international co-operation already achieved and the concerted action taken by the Governments of Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and the Republic of Viet-Nam for the development of the lower Mekong basin;

2. *Expresses* its belief that the development of that basin would make a substantial contribution to the improvement of economic development and human welfare in this area;

3. *Notes* with appreciation the offer of assistance already made by the Governments of several States Members of the United Nations for the implementation of the programme of studies and investigations of the lower Mekong basin as recommended by the United Nations Survey Mission;

4. *Urges* the United Nations to give the highest priority to this project when the special projects fund is set up;

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to render such assistance as may be necessary to the Committee for Co-ordination to facilitate the implementation of the programme of investigations.

*197th meeting,
12 March 1958.*

26 (XIV). Inclusion of Iran in the geographical scope of the Commission and admission of Iran as a member

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Having considered the communications of the Government of Iran dated 11 and 12 February 1958²⁸ applying for membership of the Commission and for the inclusion of Iran within the geographical scope thereof,

Recognizing that the association of Iran in the work of the Commission will further the objectives with which the Commission was established,

1. *Recommends* to the Economic and Social Council that it approve the inclusion of Iran within the geographical scope of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East and the admission of Iran as a member of the Commission,

2. *Recommends further* to the Economic and Social Council that it amend the terms of reference of the Commission as follows:

(a) In paragraph 2 of the terms of reference describing the territories of Asia and the Far East, insert the word "Iran" after "Indonesia";

(b) In paragraph 3 of the terms of reference giving the list of members of the Commission, insert the word "Iran" after "Indonesia".

*199th meeting,
14 March 1958.*

²⁵ E/CN.11/472.

²⁶ E/CN.11/476.

²⁷ E/CN.11/475.

²⁸ E/CN.11/474 and Add.1.