proval of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly, the invitation of the Government of Pakistan should be accepted and that the date and the place of the session in Pakistan should be determined by the Executive Secretary in consultation with the Government of Pakistan.

CHANGE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

366. The Commission recorded its deep appreciation of the outstanding services rendered by Mr. Narasimhan, its Executive Secretary, during his tenure of office. It congratuled him on his appointment by the Secretary-General as Under-Secretary for Special Political Affairs at United Nations Headquarters, and hoped that he would continue to take an interest in the work of the Commission. The Commission welcomed the appointment of U Nyun as Executive Secretary to succeed Mr. Narasimhan, and felt confident that it would greatly benefit from his vast experience and devotion to the United Nations.

Part III

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION AT ITS FIFTEENTH SESSION

27 (XV). Land settlement[24]

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Taking note of the report of the Centre on Principles and Policies of Land Settlement in Asia and the Far East,

Considering it desirable to promote sound land settlement programmes in the ECAFE region as an effective measure for economic and social development,

1. *Commends* to the member and associate member Governments the conclusions and recommendations of the Centre calling for action by Governments;

2. *Recommends* that a plan and programme for the implementation of the conclusions and recommendations of the Centre be prepared and carried out, in particular,

(*a*) The organization of further training centres of limited duration in specific aspects of land settlement;

(*b*) The employment of a regional land settlement specialist;

3. *Requests* the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, in consultation with the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, to explore the possibility of taking the necessary measures and to seek the co-operation of the appropriate non-governmental organizations concerned for the early implementation of the above recommendation.

207th meeting,
13 March 1959.

28 (XV). Population growth and economic development in the ECAFE region[25]

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Having considered the accelerating rate of population growth in many ECAFE countries, and its impact on the levels of living,

Recalling its resolution 20 (XIII) on regional studies of demographic trends and economic development,

Noting with appreciation the secretariat study entitled "Population trends and related problems of economic development in the ECAFE Region",[26]

Noting the proposal for a regional population conference in Asia made by the Inaugural Conference and Advisory Committee for the Demographic Training and Research Centre in Bombay,[27]

Taking into consideration comments made by the United Nations Population Commission at its tenth session on questions concerning the population problems in the ECAFE region,[28]

1. *Recommends* that a regional seminar for evaluation and utilization of census data in the ECAFE region be organized in 1960 to assist the countries in the region to make the best use of the forthcoming population censuses;

2. *Welcomes* the recommendation of the Population Commission to the Economic and Social Council that, if possible, the next session of the Population Commission should be held in the ECAFE region, in order to focus attention on population problems of the region;

3. *Recommends* that a regional population conference be organized in 1961 or 1962 under the auspices of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East and in co-operation with the Technical Assistance Programme of the United Nations and the interested specialized agencies, with participation of specialists in population, economics and other related fields (including some specialists from outside the region).

207th meeting,
13 March 1959.

29 (XV). The five-year appraisal of the scope, trend and cost of the Commission's programme of work[29]

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Taking note of the decision of the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 665 C (XXIV) of 1 August 1957 calling for an appraisal of the scope, trend and cost of the regular United Nations programmes in the economic and social fields for the period 1959-1964,

Being of the view that the appraisal of the Commission's programme of work over the period 1959-1964, as set out in the Executive Secretary's report entitled "Forward Look",[30] reflects the progressively important role that the Commission can play in undertaking valuable studies and promoting concerted action in a number of fields relating to the economic development of Asia and the Far East,

1. *Endorses* the general lines of the Executive Secretary's report referred to above;

[24] See paragraph 271 above.
[25] See paragraph 270 above.
[26] E/CN.11/L.67.
[27] E/CN.11/L.69.
[28] ECAFE/42.
[29] See paragraph 363 above.
[30] E/CN.11/L.68 (see annex IV below).