

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 congratulated 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.

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Part III

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION AT ITS FIFTEENTH SESSION

27 (XV). Land settlement²⁴

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 region²⁵

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

²⁴ See paragraph 271 above.

²⁵ See paragraph 270 above.

²⁶ E/CN.11/L.67.

²⁷ E/CN.11/L.69.

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 work²⁹

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;*

²⁸ ECAFE/42.

²⁹ See paragraph 363 above.

³⁰ E/CN.11/L.68 (see annex IV below).

2. *Notes* with satisfaction that the Commission's programme of work and priorities for 1959-1960 takes into account the proposals made in the report;

3. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council and other organs of the United Nations, as may be appropriate, to give sympathetic consideration to the proposals contained in the report.

*213th meeting,
19 March 1959.*

30 (XV). Amendment of the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East³¹

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Having considered the discussions at the twenty-sixth session of the Economic and Social Council on the proposals for amending the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Europe, of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, and of the Economic Commission for Latin America,

Taking note of the decision of the Economic and Social Council to refer these proposals to the three regional commissions concerned for their views,

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Bearing in mind that increased attention is being given by the countries of the region to the social aspects of economic development,

Recognizing the vital interrelationship between economic and social development,

³¹ See paragraph 357 above.

Recommends to the Economic and Social Council that the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East be amended to add as a new sub-paragraph (f) of paragraph 1 of the present terms of reference³² the following provisions:

“(f) In carrying out the above functions, deal as appropriate with the social aspects of economic development and the interrelationship of economic and social factors.”

II

Noting with satisfaction the growing co-operation among the regional economic commissions and recognizing the value of such co-operation in promoting interregional co-operation,

Recommends further to the Economic and Social Council that paragraph 12 of the terms of reference of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East³² be amended to read:

“The Commission shall take measures to ensure that the necessary liaison is maintained with other organs of the United Nations and with the specialized agencies. The Commission shall establish appropriate liaison and co-operate with other regional economic commissions in accordance with the resolutions and directives of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly.”

*213th meeting,
19 March 1959.*

³² E/CN.11/29/Rev.9, dated 29 September 1958.

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 16 March 1958 to 19 March 1959 inclusive,³³ and of the recommendations, resolutions, and the programme of work and priorities contained in parts II, III and V respectively of that report.

*213th meeting,
19 March 1959.*

³³ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/3214).

Part V

PROGRAMME OF WORK AND PRIORITIES, 1959-1960

367. At its 213th meeting, held on 19 March 1959, the Commission unanimously approved the programme of work and priorities for 1959-1960 set forth below.

368. This programme was adopted in the light of the recommendations of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission which had met since the last session of the Commission, namely, the Working Party on Housing and Building Materials (fifth session), the Sub-Com-

mittee on Iron and Steel (eighth session), the Working Party on Economic Development and Planning (fourth session), the Working Party on Co-ordination of Transport, the Conference of Asian Statisticians (second session), the Highway Sub-Committee (fourth session), the Working Party on Customs Administration, the Committee on Trade (second session) and the Committee on Industry and Natural Resources (eleventh session).