

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 East<sup>31</sup>**

*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,

**I**

*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,

<sup>31</sup> 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 reference<sup>32</sup> 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 East<sup>32</sup> 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.*

<sup>32</sup> 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,<sup>33</sup> 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.*

<sup>33</sup> 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).