

(d) To consider the need of the countries of the region to increase their exports not only of primary commodities, but also of semi-processed and manufactured goods which they are in a position to supply competitively;

(e) To continue to provide the countries of the region economic, financial and technical aid under multilateral and bilateral programmes of assistance with a view to accelerating the economic development and diversification of production in the countries of the region as part of global economic expansion;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To continue to explore the scope and practical measures for promoting intraregional co-operation for economic and social development in the region as a whole and, if necessary, among individual countries of the region as a first step, particularly in the fields of agriculture, industry, transport and trade;

(b) Within available staff resources, and after such preliminary studies as may be considered appropriate, to make suggestions to interested governments concerning such joint projects and regional projects as may be practicable, including a suggested order of priority;

4. *Recommends* the United Nations agencies concerned to consider sympathetically requests for technical and financial assistance in support of measures designed to promote economic development and co-operation in the region, in particular for joint projects in the field of industrialization, and to provide adequate allocations for regional projects;

5. *Invites* other international agencies having an interest in joint projects to co-operate and assist in carrying out the investigations;

6. *Recommends* that, in cases where regional financing is inadequate, joint projects of two or more countries in the region be submitted by the governments concerned to the appropriate institutions or countries engaged in international industrial development activities;

7. *Further recommends* to such governments or institutions that they consider favourably economically sound proposals of this nature to the full extent of available resources.

229th meeting,  
18 March 1960.

**32 (XVI). Development of tourism  
and international travel<sup>26</sup>**

*The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,*

**I**

*Recognizing* that tourism is a means of augmenting foreign exchange earnings and stimulating international trade; that the tourist industry would help to diversify the economies of the countries of the region, and would provide an impetus to the development of handicrafts

<sup>26</sup> See paragraph 310 above.

and other types of indigenous production; and that international travel and tourism would bring peoples of various countries together and thereby promote peace and international understanding,

*Noting* with satisfaction the progress being made by the countries of the region in promoting international travel, particularly by the lessening of travel restrictions, and by the ratification of international conventions on tourism,

1. *Emphasizes* the role of ECAFE in supporting and reinforcing the efforts of the International Union of Official Travel Organizations (IUOTO) and its regional commissions, especially the Pacific Area Travel Association and the South Asia Travel Commission, by bringing to the attention of governments the need for suitable action for the development of the tourist trade and industry;

2. *Endorses* the suggestion of the Inland Transport and Communications Committee for the establishment of a liaison unit in the ECAFE secretariat in order that active and close co-operation be maintained with IUOTO and its regional commissions;<sup>27</sup>

3. *Further endorses* the Committee's recommendation that the ECAFE secretariat should, consistent with its resources, extend co-operation and assistance to IUOTO and its regional bodies in carrying out the survey of tourist potential in the ECAFE region;

**II**

*Believing* that the proclamation by the Government of the Philippines and other countries of 1961 as a "Visit the Orient Year" is a most opportune step towards an increase in the world's tourist traffic to the countries of the ECAFE region,

*Believing further* that such proclamation is an appropriate initial step towards the maximum participation by all countries in the region in the development of the travel industry with a view to enlarging their share of the tourist trade and foreign exchange earnings which would benefit their economies,

*Recommends* that the countries of the region co-operate in making a success of the 1961 "Visit the Orient Year" programme and, individually and collectively, make suitable preparations for the observance of 1961 as a "Visit the Orient Year", take such steps as required with a view to providing special facilities and attractions for tourists, such as simplification of formalities, procedures and methods affecting tourists, the development of plans for exhibitions and other events of a cultural, commercial and industrial nature, including facilities for large scale tours to historical sites and recreational centres;

**III**

*Further noting* the urgent need of many countries of the region for technical assistance to develop tourism and international travel,

*Requests* the Executive Secretary, in co-operation with

<sup>27</sup> E/CN.11/511.

the International Union of Official Travel Organizations and the United Nations Bureau of Technical Assistance Operations, to organize a seminar on the development of tourism and travel in 1961 for the benefit of the countries participating in the "Visit the Orient Year",

and take such further steps as may be necessary to provide technical assistance to individual countries upon their request.

227th meeting,  
17 March 1960.

## 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<sup>28</sup> for the period 20 March 1959 to 21 March 1960, and of the recommendations and resolutions contained in parts II and III of that report, and endorses the programme of work and priorities contained in part V of the report.

231st meeting,  
21 March 1960.

<sup>28</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirtieth Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/3340).*

## Part V

### PROGRAMME OF WORK AND PRIORITIES, 1960-1961

350. At its 231st meeting held on 21 March 1960 the Commission unanimously approved the programme of work and priorities for 1960-1961 set forth below.

351. That 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, referred to in Part I of this report.

of using, in appropriate cases, the services of such bodies as universities, national, private or public institutions or non-governmental organizations for carrying out economic studies and surveys. The subsidiary bodies also utilized or adapted existing studies or publications, whenever possible, in connexion with the work programme concerned.

#### BASIC DIRECTIVES

352. In preparing the programme of work and priorities, the Commission and its subsidiary bodies continued to follow a series of basic directives and decisions of the Economic and Social Council and of the General Assembly, as well as the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, regarding programmes of work and priorities in the economic and social fields, concentration and co-ordination of efforts and resources, control and limitation of documentation, pattern of conferences and related questions. Particular attention was paid 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), 630 (XXII), 664 (XXIV), 693 (XXVI), 694 (XXVI), and 742 (XXVIII).

#### CONCENTRATION AND CO-ORDINATION

353. The Commission and its subsidiary bodies, in reviewing their work programmes, continued to apply the principles of concentration and co-ordination. The Executive Secretary, as in the past, followed the policy

#### REVIEW OF WORK PROGRAMME

354. The subsidiary bodies of the Commission continued to bear in mind the Commission's policy that their objective should be the "streamlining" of the work programme. A detailed statement is given below of the changes in the programme of work and priorities resulting from the continuing review and from the application of the criteria adopted by the Commission at its thirteenth session. The total number of projects proposed in the present work programme is 89 as compared with 83 in the previous year.

##### *A. New projects*<sup>29</sup>

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| 02-03 | Employment, savings and investment with special reference to population growth.  |
| 02-04 | Economic teaching and research in Asian universities.  |
| 33-04 | Regional Seminar on the Energy Resources and Electric Power Development.   |
| 33-05 | Technical training centre for the training of technicians in the operation and maintenance of transmission lines and sub-stations. |

<sup>29</sup> Project numbers refer to the annotated list of projects in this report.