

RESOLUTION ON CONTINUED CO-OPERATION BETWEEN FAO AND ECAFE
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THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST

TAKING NOTE of the statement by the FAO on the resolutions relating to food and agriculture taken at the Second Session of the Economic Commission for Asia and Far East:

RECORDS its appreciation of the spirit of co-operation shown by the FAO in preparing a special report for ECAFE and offering suggestions for directing the joint efforts of FAO and ECAFE towards helping Governments in solving food and agricultural problems in Asia.

RECOMMENDS that the Executive Secretary should enter into consultation with the FAO with the object of avoiding overlapping of functions and duplication of effort and securing greater co-ordination; establish appropriate working arrangements between the Secretariats of the two organizations; and formulate for the approval of FAO and the Commission an inter-relationship arrangement between the two bodies within the general framework of the relationship agreement between the FAO and the United Nations so as to -

- define, having regard to the functions and terms of reference of the ECAFE and the FAO, the distribution of responsibilities between the ECAFE and the Central and Asiatic Regional Offices of the FAO; and
- provide suitable channels for mutual consultations either directly or through the representation of each other on any working parties or committees set up by the Commission and FAO for the study of specific problems concerning both the organizations,

and should report the results to the Commission at its next session.

REQUESTS the FAO to present to the Commission at each session a detailed factual report on the food and agricultural conditions in the countries of the ECAFE region, describing, in particular, with respect to each important food and agricultural commodity the situation as it developed since the preceding session and the measures taken whether by member governments or specialized agencies or other inter-governmental organizations, including amongst other measures relating to the seven points enumerated in paragraph I of the Resolution on Food and Agriculture of the Second Session of the Commission - document E/CN.11/59.

The seven points referred to are as follows:

1. The exact situation with respect to food and other essential requirements, and the volume of domestic production;
2. The degree to which any deficiency can be met by expansion of production and improved distribution within the region;
3. The present position in relation to supplies of fertilizers, insecticides, fungicides, poisons and veterinary requirements; and to the supply and quality of agricultural tools, implements, and the extent to which the position in respect of these may be improved;
4. Steps necessary to prevent hoarding and smuggling, thus ensuring more equitable consumption at reasonable prices;
5. Measures for the expansion of food and agricultural exports to create exchange for the purchase of essential requirements; it being understood, of course, that such exports should not impair the basic food needs of the region;
6. The extent to which work animals may be conserved by the use for food of poultry and non-draft animals; and the possibility of improving the position in areas where shortages of work animals exist, by import from other areas;
7. The extent to which monetary and fiscal conditions affect the foregoing.