

RESOLUTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT FAO-ECAFE
WORKING PARTY ON AGRICULTURAL REQUISITES
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THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST HAVING

NOTED the resolutions of 2 March of the Economic and Social Council recommending action by the regional commissions, in consultation with the Food and Agriculture Organization, to increase the supply of agricultural requisites as a means of increasing world food supply,

I. RECOMMENDS that a Working Party on agricultural requisites be established jointly by the Food and Agriculture Organization and the Commission to examine the subject further.

1. The Working Party to be composed of:

- (a) two representatives of the Executive Secretary of the Commission,
- (b) two representatives of the Director-General of Food and Agriculture Organization,
- (c) an industrial expert selected by the Chairman of the Commission from a panel of names proposed by the Industrial Working Party,
- (d) a senior administrator as Chairman selected jointly by Food and Agriculture Organization and the Commission.

2. This Working Party should (a) examine the stated requirements of governments in the ECAFE region for agricultural requisites; (b) advise governments on action that can be taken nationally to meet these requirements from indigenous sources; (c) determine the circumstances and conditions under which governments in the ECAFE region would be benefited by taking joint action with reference to both the production and distribution of agricultural requisites and (d) analyze and examine the national food and agricultural plans in the ECAFE region in the light of the stated requirements of agricultural requisites and the supplies thereof which are expected to become available from indigenous production and international trade. It should consult with experts and officials from the various territories as necessary and prepare a report of its findings and recommendations. It should also indicate to the ECAFE Industrial Development Working Party the extent to which particular industrial projects might assist agricultural production.

3. The Working Party should report the progress of their work to the Fourth Sessions of the Commission and the Food and Agriculture Organization.

/4. The Secretariat

4. The Secretariat of the Working Party should be supplied by the Far Eastern Regional Office of Food and Agriculture Organization, and general administrative arrangements made by the Regional representative of Food and Agricultural Organization and by the Executive Secretary of the Commission.

II. RECOMMENDS that each member government in the ECAFE region supply, as early as possible, to the Working Party Information showing the possibilities of increasing food and agricultural production through improved supplies of agricultural requisites such as fertilizers; transport; machinery, equipment and spare parts; irrigation equipment, power generation equipment and pesticides. This statement should, as far as possible, be on a quantitative basis and indicate priorities in requirements. It should also explain what opportunities exist for local production of these requisites and the problems associated therewith.

III. RECOMMENDS that a conference of officials engaged in the task of reconstruction in relation to food and agriculture in the ECAFE region may be called jointly by the Food and Agriculture Organization and the Commission as soon as the Working Party has assemoled sufficient information on showing the possibilities of increased production through improved supplies of agricultural requisites, to consider, in consultation with the Working Party, the practical methods of implementing national food and agricultural plans.