

**35 (XVII). Decentralization of the United Nations economic and social activities and strengthening of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East** <sup>34</sup>

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

Welcoming Economic and Social Council resolution 793 (XXX) and General Assembly resolution 1518 (XV), which recognize the increasing role of the regional economic commissions in the economic and social activities of the United Nations,

Appreciating the step taken by the Secretary-General to consult the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East by circulating a note on the subject,<sup>35</sup>

1. *Recommends* that, in the field of technical co-operation, closer association should be developed between the technical co-operation agencies of the United Nations and the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East;

<sup>34</sup> See paragraph 424 above.

2. *Recommends* further that the United Nations departments responsible for the evaluation and management of Special Fund projects should make increasing use, as appropriate, of the services of the ECAFE secretariat in their work;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to enlarge arrangements for the provision of advisory services to the member governments in response to specific requests or general indications of needs and, for this purpose, to organize where necessary joint ECAFE/BTAO advisory groups or expert teams or consultants;

4. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the eighteenth session of the Commission on the progress made in pursuance of this resolution.

249th meeting,  
18 March 1961.

<sup>35</sup> E/CN.11/588.

**Part IV**

**DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR ACTION BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**

428. At its 250th meeting, the Commission unanimously approved the following draft resolution for submission to the Economic and Social Council for action.

*The Economic and Social Council*

*Takes note* of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East <sup>36</sup> for the period 22 March 1960 to 20 March 1961, 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.

250th meeting,  
20 March 1961.

<sup>36</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Thirty-Second Session, Supplement No. 2 (E/3466).*

**Part V**

**PROGRAMME OF WORK AND PRIORITIES 1961-1962**

429. At its 250th meeting held on 20 March 1961 the Commission unanimously approved the programme of work and priorities for 1961-1962 set forth below. 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, referred to in part I of this report.

**BASIC DIRECTIVES**

430. In preparing the programme of work and priorities, the Commission and its subsidiary bodies followed, as in the past, the 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 programme 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 conference and related questions. Particular attention has been 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), 742 (XXVIII), 751 (XXIX), 777 (XXX), 792 (XXX), 793 (XXX) and 801 (XXX).

**CONCENTRATION AND CO-ORDINATION**

431. The Commission and its subsidiary bodies, in reviewing their work programmes, continued to make