

RESOLUTION OF 10 JUNE 1948 ON THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A BUREAU OF FLOOD CONTROL
(Document E/CN.11/110)

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST
HAVING NOTED the Economic and Social Council's Resolution of
8 March 1948 (document E/755);

HAVING TAKEN into consideration the results of the preliminary study
undertaken by the Secretariat (document E/CN.11/87);

RESOLVES TO RECOMMEND

That the following resolution on the establishment of a Bureau of
Flood Control for Asia and the Far East be submitted to the Economic and
Social Council for consideration at its Seventh Session:

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

HAVING NOTED the preliminary study undertaken by the Executive
Secretary of ECAFE, in consultation with FAO, on the establishment of a
Bureau for Flood Control for Asia and the Far East, and

HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendations of the Economic Commission
for Asia and the Far East at its Third Session regarding the establishment
of a Bureau of Flood Control, and

RECOGNIZING the great importance and urgency of the problem of flood
control which affects the livelihood and welfare of over half a billion
human beings in the valleys of great rivers in Asia and the Far East
that are subject to the danger of floods and consequent famines,

RESOLVES THAT

1. that a Bureau of Flood Control be established with the following
functions:

- (a) to enter into relations, through the Member Governments,
with the national and regional organizations in charge of
questions relating to flood control and allied problems within
the ECAFE region and where necessary regions outside that area,
- (b) to maintain constant contact with FAO and other specialized
agencies concerned with allied problems, within the limits
provided in the agreement between United Nations and the
Specialized Agencies,
- (c) to compare the methods and experiences of these various
organizations with a view to preparing synthesis of the same and,
as far as possible, defining general principles; eventually, to
suggest joint programmes of studies and experiments,

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- (d) to place at the disposal of Member Governments the results obtained as from paragraphs (b) and (c),
- (e) to promote the exchange of information between the Member Governments and between the various national and regional organizations, either through reciprocal communication of reports and documents, or by exchange and bringing together of specialists,
- (f) to advise and assist governments requesting help in the establishment or improvement of national organizations dealing with flood control and related river problems,
- (g) to depute, upon request of Member Governments, experts to the national organizations with a view to advising them in the solution of certain specific problems,
- (h) to promote the training of specialists in matters of flood control and allied river problems by making use of national laboratories and services as exist, and, if need be, by proposing the creation of an international laboratory,
- (i) to suggest to member countries such international assistance as may be necessary,
- (j) to compile and keep up-to-date whatever documentation is required for the Bureau's studies under (c), for the dissemination of information under (d) and (e), and for the effective assistance to be given to the national organizations under (f), (g), (h) and (i).

2. that the Bureau be composed of not more than five experts with high technical qualifications; that these experts be appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations out of a panel of names to be submitted by Member Governments; except that one expert be appointed by the Director-General of FAO on his own initiative; that the Chairman be appointed from among the experts by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and that the Bureau be initially started with a minimum of three experts.
3. that the Budget of the Bureau should, apart from salaries of five experts, make necessary provision for travelling allowances, temporary consultants, technical assistants and a few tasks connected therewith, it being understood that total expenditure should not exceed 180,000 U.S. dollars per year.
4. that the Bureau shall be responsible to the ECAFE and that the Executive Secretary of the ECAFE shall assist and collaborate with the Bureau in all necessary ways in its organization and operation.