

### Part III

#### RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION AT ITS NINETEENTH SESSION

##### 43 (XIX). The Asian Institute for Economic Development and Planning<sup>23</sup>

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

Considering the urgent need of Asian countries to provide adequate training for their personnel in economic development processes and techniques and the limited training facilities available in the region in relation to economic development,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 1708 (XVI) on planning for economic development, which invites the Governments concerned to establish economic development and planning institutes closely linked to the respective regional economic commissions and to submit requests to the Special Fund for the necessary assistance,

Recalling resolution 36 (XVIII), on an Asian Institute for Economic Development, adopted by the Commission at its eighteenth session,

Noting that pursuant to that resolution an *ad hoc* committee of interested Governments was convened by the Executive Secretary and a request submitted by the Governments concerned to the Special Fund for its assistance in the establishment of the Institute,

#### A

1. Expresses its gratitude for the assistance which the Special Fund and the Governments of Afghanistan, Australia, Burma, Ceylon, the Republic of China, the Federation of Malaya, France, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Laos, Mongolia, Nepal, New Zealand, North Borneo, the Philippines, the Republic of Viet-Nam, Sarawak, Singapore, Thailand, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America have consented to provide for the establishment of the Institute;

2. Urges Governments of member and associate member states to make such further contributions as may be required in the establishment of the Institute;

3. Notes with satisfaction that the United Nations, in discharging its responsibilities as executing agency, will act through ECAFE;

4. Establishes an Asian Institute for Economic Development and Planning in accordance with the provisions set out in part B below:

#### B

##### I. Purposes and functions

1. The principal purpose of the Institute is to provide training to selected personnel of member and associate member countries within the geographical scope of the Commission in order to raise the technical competence of such personnel in the planning and implementation of national development programmes. The Institutes shall

also undertake research and advisory services. In particular, the Institute shall:

(a) Provide at its headquarters an annual training course for selected personnel to include the study of development problems and policies, overall and sector programming, project formulation and evaluation, and advanced techniques of development planning;

(b) Provide, at the request of Governments concerned, short-term courses designed to reach a larger group of officials in countries within the geographical scope of the Commission;

(c) Undertake research activities with a view to the preparation of educational materials and case studies on development planning techniques and their local applications;

(d) Provide, at the request of Governments and to the extent permitted by the training programme, advisory services;

(e) Provide fellowships for training at the Institute.

##### II. Status and organization

2. The Institute shall be an autonomous institution under the aegis of ECAFE and shall be composed of a Governing Council and a Director and staff. The Institute shall be located at Bangkok, Thailand.

##### III. Governing Council

3. The Governing Council shall be composed of the following members:

(a) The Executive Secretary of ECAFE as Chairman *ex officio*;

(b) A member representing the host Government of Thailand;

(c) Seven members of recognized technical ability, elected by the Conference of Asian Economic Planners from seven member and associate member countries in the ECAFE region, who shall be elected for a term of three years and be eligible for re-election. The members for the first term of the Governing Council shall be elected by the Commission at its nineteenth session in March 1963 for a term up to the end of 1964;

(d) The Director of the Institute shall be an *ex officio* member and participate without vote in the deliberations of the Governing Council and shall act as Secretary of the Council.

4. The Governing Council of the Institute shall be responsible for:

(a) Formulating the general rules and principles which will govern the administration and operations of the Institute and of the policy on all matters concerning the activities of the Institute;

(b) Preparing reviews of the operations of the Institute on the basis of the annual reports to be submitted by the Director and approving work programmes and budgets;

(c) Submitting a progress report on the work of the

<sup>23</sup> See para. 301 above.

Institute to each session of the Commission and of the Conference of Asian Economic Planners;

5. The Governing Council shall meet at least once a year and shall adopt its own rules of procedure;

6. The Governing Council shall consider, as soon as practicable, methods of financing the Institute, to ensure its continuity following the termination of Special Fund assistance, and shall submit its proposals to the Commission;

7. The Chairman of the Governing Council is authorized to accept, on behalf of the Institute, contributions from the United Nations, the specialized agencies, Governments, intergovernmental, governmental and non-governmental organizations and institutions. The Governing Council may, however, lay down the procedure for receiving such contributions.

#### IV. *The Director*

8. The Director of the Institute shall be appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations after consultation with the Governing Council of the Institute;

9. The Director shall be responsible for the management and administration of the Institute and shall, in accordance with the general policies established by the Governing Council, in particular:

(a) Submit the programmes and budget of the Institute to the Governing Council;

(b) Execute the programmes and undertake the expenditure envisaged in the budget;

(c) Select and appoint the staff of the Institute;

(d) Select the fellows for the training programme, in consultation with the Chairman of the Governing Council;

(e) Consult the appropriate specialized agencies on the Institute's sector programming activities and negotiate the arrangements for such additional personnel as may be offered by the agencies for the purpose;

(f) Conclude with other national and international agencies such arrangements as may be necessary for making available the services of the Institute, it being understood that the arrangements with national bodies shall be made with the approval of the Governments concerned;

(g) Report to the Governing Council on the activities of the Institute and on the execution of its work programme;

(h) Co-ordinate the work of the Institute with that of other international, regional and bilateral programmes in related fields;

(i) Attend meetings of the Governing Council;

(j) Act, under the plan of operations for the Special Fund project, as United Nations project manager.

#### V. *Co-operation of the ECAFE secretariat*

10. The secretariat of ECAFE shall co-operate closely with the Institute in the performance of the Institute's functions.

#### VI. *Resources of the Institute*

11. The resources of the Institute shall be derived from contributions made by the Special Fund and by the contributing Governments. Further resources of the Institute may be derived from the United Nations, the specialized agencies, Governments and governmental or non-governmental organizations and institutions and

from such other sources as may fall within the scope of the Institute's activities;

12. Financial rules for the Institute shall be prepared by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in consultation with the Director of the Institute, for review and approval by the Governing Council of the Institute and the United Nations Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.

#### VII. *Plan of operation*

13. The Commission requested the Executive Secretary to convene an *ad hoc* Committee which is hereby authorized to sign, on behalf of the participating Governments, a plan of operation for the Special Fund project in accordance with the provisions of the present resolution.

#### C

*Decides* that, at its twenty-third session in 1967, it will review the accomplishments of the Institute in the light of the reports to be submitted by the Governing Council of the Institute to the Commission and will take such action regarding the continued operation of the Institute as it may deem appropriate.

*280th meeting,  
11 March 1963.*

#### 44 (XIX). **United Nations Conference on Trade and Development**<sup>24</sup>

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

*Taking note* of General Assembly resolution 1785 (XVII) and Economic and Social Council resolution 917 (XXXIV) on the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

*Considering* that measures are urgently needed to remove the obstacles and barriers which adversely affect the expansion of exports of primary commodities and of semi-manufactured and manufactured products by the developing countries,

*Recognizing* that the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to be convened in 1964, will provide a unique opportunity for States Members of the United Nations to devise measures and machinery for promoting world trade with a view to achieving accelerated rates of economic growth particularly for the developing countries,

*Appreciating* that the benefits which can accrue to the countries of the ECAFE region from the Conference will depend largely upon the constructive and concrete proposals which they present for consideration by the Conference and for implementation in co-operation with developed countries,

*Taking note* of the work done by the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its first session and its programme of work for the second session, to be held in May-June 1963,

*Noting further* the views expressed and suggestions made by the ECAFE Committee on Trade at its sixth session,<sup>25</sup>

*Recognizing* that it is desirable to increase the representation of countries of the ECAFE region on the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on

<sup>24</sup> See para. 305 above.

<sup>25</sup> See E/CN.11/610, paras. 44-48.