

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.

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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**²⁴

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,²⁵

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

²⁴ See para. 305 above.

²⁵ See E/CN.11/610, paras. 44-48.

Trade and Development, having regard to the region's extensive geographic scope, membership, population and interest in the Conference,

Appreciating that the Economic and Social Council and the Preparatory Committee have requested the regional economic commissions to provide assistance in the preparation of proposals and documentation for the Conference,

1. *Requests* the members and associate members of ECAFE, after a thorough examination of their international trade and development problems, to prepare constructive and concrete proposals for consideration by the Preparatory Committee and the Conference;

2. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to consider favourably increasing the membership of the ECAFE region on the Preparatory Committee; and

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to provide the fullest assistance of the ECAFE secretariat in the work of the Preparatory Committee and of the Conference, taking into account the discussions held and the suggestions made during the nineteenth session of ECAFE and the secretariat's studies and other experience in the field of the development of trade and general economy of the region.

*282nd meeting,
12 March 1963.*

45 (XIX). Accelerated measures for regional economic co-operation for development of trade and industry²⁶

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Taking note of the discussions held and suggestions made on regional economic co-operation in connexion with the consideration of the economic situation in Asia, the report of the Committee on Trade (sixth session)²⁷ and the report of the Committee on Industry and Natural Resources (fifteenth session),²⁸

Recalling resolution 31 (XVI) on regional economic co-operation for development of trade and industry, which the Commission adopted at its sixteenth session in March 1960,

Realizing that regional co-operation has established itself as an important and effective force for accelerating the trade and economic growth of developing as well as developed countries in other regions of the world,

Expressing its deep concern that the efforts of developing countries of the ECAFE region to diversify their export trade and expand their earnings from exports of primary, semi-processed and manufactured products have so far yielded only very modest results, falling considerably short of their foreign exchange requirements for imports and seriously incommensurate with their needs for economic development,

Considering that the challenging and difficult problems of development of trade and industry faced by countries of Asia and the Far East call for immediate and substantial increase in co-operative and concerted efforts by countries of the ECAFE region,

Appreciating the various measures taken and being pursued by the Executive Secretary in co-operation with member countries of the region to implement the recommendations of resolution 31 (XVI), including intra-

regional trade promotion talks, commodity consultations, joint industry and market surveys, and establishment of expert groups, particularly the Consultative Group of Experts on Regional Economic Co-operation in Asia and the Far East,

Recognizing that the time is now ripe for countries of the region to take further significant steps towards regional economic co-operation,

1. *Urges* the countries of the region to intensify their efforts and activities to carry out the recommendations contained in its resolution 31 (XVI); and

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, while continuing to implement feasible work projects in the development of regional trade and industry in co-operation with countries of the region and to have such consultations with Governments of the region as are necessary for this purpose, to convene a meeting of high level representatives of member and associate member Governments of the ECAFE region to review the progress achieved so far and to formulate and adopt more positive measures for concerted regional action.

*284th meeting,
13 March 1963.*

46 (XIX). Development of water resources of the lower Mekong basin²⁹

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Considering that the economic and social development of the economically less developed countries is of primary importance to those countries and is also basic to the attainment of international peace and security and to a mutually beneficial increase in world prosperity,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 1710 (XVI) of 19 December 1961 designating the current decade as the "United Nations Development Decade",

Recalling that the Governments of Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and the Republic of Viet-Nam, pursuant to a recommendation of the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,³⁰ established in 1957 a Committee for the Co-ordination of Investigations of the Lower Mekong Basin, hereinafter referred to as the Mekong Committee, consisting under its statute of one member from each Government with plenipotentiary authority, and empowered as a Committee to promote, co-ordinate, supervise and control the planning and investigation of the water resources development project in the lower Mekong basin, to make requests on behalf of the participating Governments for special financial and technical assistance, to receive and administer separately such financial and technical assistance, and to take title to property.

Noting with appreciation that, for projects planned and sponsored by the Mekong Committee, resources of some \$36 million equivalent have been made available by twenty countries, including the four riparian countries, and by eleven United Nations agencies, three private foundations, and several private business organizations; that some of these resources have been extended directly to the Committee, and some extended as a loan for construction of the first project in the lower Mekong basin network,

Noting that of the total resources now available nearly one-third, namely some \$11.4 million equivalent, has

²⁶ See para. 317 above.

²⁷ E/CN.11/610.

²⁸ E/CN.11/614.

²⁹ See para. 367 above.

³⁰ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Twenty-fourth session, Supplement No. 2 (E/2359), para. 277.*