

been expended or pledged by the four riparian countries themselves,

Noting that the efficient and co-ordinated operation of Mekong Committee work and effective and timely utilization of all resources available to the Mekong Committee, the great bulk of which are tendered in services and in kind, now require that some portions of resources be in contingency funds, in diverse currencies, allocated to the Committee for a particular component project or projects, or for the Mekong Committee programme as a whole, for use in agreement between the respective donor or donors and the Committee,

Noting further that the Mekong Committee has largely completed, ahead of schedule, a five-year programme of investigations established for 1959-1964; that the scope and character of the effort to develop the water resources of the basin demands that a comprehensive, integrated and balanced programme of work for the coming five years be established and carried out; and that the Mekong Committee is preparing such a five-year programme for 1964-1969,

Invites all interested Governments, United Nations specialized agencies and other organizations to continue and increase support as noted above to the Mekong Committee in its task of developing the water resources of the lower Mekong basin.

*287th meeting,
15 March 1963.*

47 (XIX). The co-operative movement in the ECAFE region³¹

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Recognizing the importance of the co-operative principles of economic organization for meeting the economic needs of people of relatively small means,

Noting the importance attached to the rapid growth of the co-operative movement by several member Governments in their social and economic programmes,

Recognizing the vital role which the application of the principles of the co-operative movement can play in accelerating the rate of economic growth in the region,

1. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to establish an expert group drawn from the member countries of the Commission, or to investigate, by any other means that may seem appropriate, the rich potential of the co-operative movement for achieving a faster rate of economic growth and social progress in the region, and to make recommendations;

³¹ See paras. 369 and 385 above.

2. *Further requests* that the Executive Secretary should seek the co-operation of the United Nations specialized agencies and of other qualified organizations such as the International Co-operative Alliance in any such study.

*289th meeting,
18 March 1963.*

48 (XIX). Technical training and assistance³²

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Taking note of General Assembly resolution 1824 (XVII) on the role of the United Nations in training national technical personnel and specialists in different fields required by the developing countries for their accelerated industrialization and long-term programmes of economic and social development,

Recalling in this connexion the various resolutions of the Commission, the Economic and Social Council, and the General Assembly which reaffirm the role of the regional economic commissions in the above fields under the policy of decentralization,

Taking note of the various measures so far taken by the Secretary-General and by the Executive Secretary of ECAFE to develop the work of the Commission in the field of advisory services, technical assistance and training of technical personnel,

Expresses gratification at the proposed establishment of a Technical Assistance Co-ordination Unit in the ECAFE secretariat;

1. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to make available to the Commission, at its twentieth session, copies of the reports requested by the General Assembly in operative paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of its resolution 1823 (XVII) of 18 December 1962, and to submit a report on the increased participation of ECAFE in the technical assistance activities of the United Nations;

2. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to take, in the context of the expanding programmes of economic development in the countries of the region, whatever preparatory steps may be necessary to assist them, at their request, in the consideration of their requirements of technical assistance, personnel and training facilities, taking into account the studies and activities in this field of other intergovernmental organizations.

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18 March 1963.*

³² See para. 400 above.