

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Resolution of 26 October 1949

(E/CN.11/216)

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST

HAVING CONSIDERED the Report of the Committee on Industry and Trade;

APPROVES generally the conclusions of the Committee in respect of industry and, in particular,

STRESSES the importance of preliminary technical studies to make a sound basis for the work of the Committee;

ENDORSES the recommendation of the Committee

"that with the approval of governments concerned and in collaboration with them and with the Field Science Offices of UNESCO in India, the Philippines and China,

- (a) a survey be made of the geological and industrial research laboratories under governmental and private auspices in the ECAFE region, in the nearby member countries of Australia and New Zealand and in Japan, in the first instance those dealing with coal and mineral research and with iron and steel manufacturing, and to ascertain whether or not their facilities would be at the disposal of ECAFE countries;
- (b) a list of these laboratories, their publications and the general range of studies, and the information on their willingness to accept requests for assistance, be circulated to member and associate member governments; and

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- (c) member and associate member governments be invited to request through the Secretariat the services of those laboratories indicating their willingness to assist"; and

REALIZING the importance to the countries of the region of the question of financial assistance to be provided by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and taking note of the need for the preparation of sound projects for seeking such assistance;

RECOMMENDS that the Secretariat should, in consultation with the International Bank, make a study of the Bank's loan requirements in respect of a few categories of projects of an important character common to most of the countries of the region, and report its results for the information of the Commission; and

NOTING THE steps taken by the Secretariat to give effect to the Resolution on Financial Institutions (E/CN.11/AC.11/1) adopted by the Committee of the Whole;

REQUESTS that the Secretariat should give urgent attention to this study;

RECOMMENDS that, in carrying out coal and iron ore studies, experts in the various countries should be employed as far as possible, and that, if it is necessary to send out questionnaires, they should be filled in with all the information available in the Secretariat before issue;

RECOMMENDS that, in carrying out enquiries on chemical fertilizers, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization, the Secretariat should

- (a) take note of the recommendations expressed in the Report of the Committee regarding visits of members of the staff to countries of the region and the issue of provisional reports and questionnaires; and

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