

Observing the shortage of chemical fertilizers, of raw materials for the manufacture and of other industrial inputs necessary for agriculture in the ECAFE region,

Believing that there is scope through suitable financial and other measures to encourage increased investment in developing countries for manufacture of industrial inputs for agricultural production, for the provision of more adequate credit to finance such inputs and for developed countries to increase their own outputs of these commodities and other raw materials necessary for their manufacture,

Calls upon the ECAFE secretariat to undertake forthwith, jointly with FAO, a study of the requirements and availability for the next five years of agricultural inputs such as chemical fertilizers, pesticides, the raw materials for their manufacture and farm equipment in the countries of the region and the scope and means for increasing the production of these inputs;

Appeals to the governments and industrial enterprises of both developed and developing countries to co-operate in speedily devising steps by which agriculture, in the developing countries of the region, can be provided with the necessary inputs in adequate measure.

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The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Welcoming the merger of the United Nations Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and the United Nations Special Fund under the United Nations Development Programme, and the new machinery and administrative arrangements jointly devised for effective programme formulation and implementation,

Welcoming also the institution of the Expanded World Food Programme to enable it to play a meaningful part in support of the economic and social development of the region,

Recalling the various resolutions of the General Assembly, of ECOSOC, and of ECAFE on decentralization of operational activities, and on strengthening of the regional economic commissions, namely, General Assembly resolutions 1518 (XV), 1709 (XVI), 1823 (XVII) and 1941 (XVIII), Economic and Social Council resolutions 793 (XXX), 823 (XXXII), and 879 (XXXIV), and ECAFE resolutions 35 (XVII) and 41 (XVIII),

Recalling at the same time the resolution on dynamic Asian economic co-operation passed at the Second Ministerial Conference on Asian Economic Co-operation, held at Manila from 29 November to 2 December 1965,

Commends to the Governments of member countries and United Nations bodies and agencies the recommendations of the Seminar on National Co-ordination of Technical Assistance, held from 28 February to 7 March at Bangkok, and draws their attention to these recommendations for action;

Requests the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme:

(a) to convene at an appropriate time a Seminar on Methods of Evaluation of Technical Assistance and Related Programmes, taking into consideration the experience gained in the country evaluation studies undertaken under the Economic and Social Council's resolution 1042 (XXXVII);

(b) to convene a Seminar on Technical Assistance and Related Aid Programmes in which both the recipient and aid-giving countries and agencies would participate;

Also requests the Executive Secretary to carry out, in co-operation with the secretariat of the United Nations Development Programme, the Resident Representatives and the countries concerned, a few country studies, on specific request from member countries, to ascertain the changing priorities and pattern of needs for technical assistance and Special Fund activities in those countries;

Further requests the Executive Secretary to initiate appropriate regional and sub-regional programmes, up to the stage of transfer of technical know-how and patents wherever possible, that would not only lead to increased regional co-operation, but would also facilitate implementation of projects, having in view, in particular, the needs of the smaller countries of the region;

Urges the authorities concerned to help countries in the region to develop technical assistance, Special Fund and World Food Programmes that would increasingly open the way to capital participation and investment through the IBRD, IDA, the Asian Development Bank and other financing institutions;

Requests the Executive Secretary to strengthen the secretariat's activities in the field of public administration, as recommended in the report of the Working Group of Experts on Major Administrative Problems of Asian Governments, held from 18 to 26 October 1965 at Bangkok, so as to permit the implementation of the recommendations of that Group, in particular the recommendations (a) to develop a programme of training to meet the needs of governments for administrative reform, and (b) to strengthen the government agencies responsible for promoting administrative reform, institutions of public administration and other agencies and institutions directly involved in the improvement of national and local administration.

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