

INLAND TRANSPORT

Resolution of 29 October 1949

(E/CN.11/227)

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST

TAKING NOTE of the Report of the Meeting of Inland Transport Experts (E/CN.11/204);

CONSIDERING the primary importance of an efficient transport system for the economic rehabilitation and development of the region;

BELIEVING that attention should first be concentrated on the solution of problems of a short-term nature which would result in an immediate benefit to the transport system of the countries of the region;

REALIZING the need for continuous and coordinated action in the field of inland transport not only in respect of short-term problems but also of such other problems as have been deferred for future consideration, or as might be referred for regional consideration to the Commission by the Economic and Social Council or Specialized Agencies;

APPROVES the conclusion reached by the meeting of experts;

ENDORSES the recommendations contained in the Report particularly as regards

- (a) Programme of Work,
- (b) Proposed methods of work,
- (c) Collection of transport statistics,
- (d) Establishment of a technical library service;

STRESSES THE NEED for making fuller use of international technical associations, not only in respect of railways but also in respect of road and inland water transport;

RECOGNIZES the importance of implementing immediately the programme of work;

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EXPRESSES THE HOPE that the technical investigations recommended in the Report will lead to the formulation of concrete proposals;

RESOLVES that an Ad Hoc Committee of Experts on Inland Transport, drawn from all member and associate member countries who desire to be represented, be convened in about six months time to review the results of studies by the Secretariat, by expert working parties, or by meetings of specialists and to recommend further measures of intra-regional co-operation, such as the establishment of a Standing Committee of ECAFE on Inland Transport; or other means,

CONSIDERS that the provision of adequate staff for the Transport Division of the Secretariat is urgently necessary;

RECOMMENDS that governments, when assessing their need for technical assistance in the field of transport, should consider the possibility of coordinated action, as outlined in the Report, in order that the maximum benefit may be obtained from the Technical Assistance Programme.

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