

Part III

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION AT ITS
TWENTY-THIRD SESSION

77 (XXIII). Commemoration of ECAFE's twentieth anniversary

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Noting with satisfaction and appreciation the report prepared by the ECAFE secretariat, entitled "ECAFE - Twenty Years of Progress" (E/CN.11/766), and particularly the analysis contained in that report of the work carried out by the Commission, its subsidiary bodies and the secretariat in response to the felt needs of development as they have arisen during the years,

Welcoming the emphasis given by the Commission, its subsidiary bodies and the secretariat to action orientation and regional co-operation,

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Invites member countries of the Commission to take steps to publicize the work and activities of ECAFE with a view to advancing the objectives of the Commission;

Invites the Governments of those member countries of ECAFE which have not done so to consider the establishment at the national level of appropriate machinery to ensure their more intensive and co-ordinated use of ECAFE's facilities;

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Calls upon the member and associate member countries of ECAFE to provide, so far as they are able, the requisite support in terms of country initiative as well as background work and co-operation, needed to implement the tasks envisaged in the chapter entitled "Forward Look" of the report in order to achieve their development goals;

Particularly requests the countries to encourage the development of a "common will" among themselves and to consider taking suitable practical action in that direction with a view to promoting co-operation within ECAFE;

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Affirms the basic necessity for recognition by the developed countries of the dimensions of the aid as well as the trade needs of the developing countries of the ECAFE region, if the growth target of the United Nations Development Decade is to be achieved;

Urges the developed and developing countries to mark the twentieth anniversary of ECAFE with measures and policies that will match the aims, endeavours and hopes of the developing countries;

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Requests the Executive Secretary

(i) to continue to emphasize the reorientation of the secretariat studies towards specific economic and social action programmes in priority areas as indicated from time to time by the Commission and its subsidiary bodies;

(ii) to continue the study of plan harmonization possibilities in the region with a view to developing economic and social co-operation;

(iii) to assist, upon request, the developing countries of the region, in consultation with other relevant international institutions, to draw up appropriate targets for different sectors of the economy;

(iv) to continue to publicize the requirements of the developing countries of the region for external assistance as projected by those countries in their respective plans;

(v) to identify and highlight the problems which confront the developing countries of the region in increasing their export earnings, in co-operation with other international institutions competent in that specific field;

(vi) to continue to identify and meet the requirements of technology and of the technical and pre-investment needs of the developing countries of the region;

(vii) to sustain the increased attention that is being given to pre-investment and investment generating projects; and

(iii) to emphasize further the programming, formulation and implementation of technical assistance in relation to national development plans and, at the request of Governments of member countries and in co-ordination with the United Nations Development Programme, to step up team studies and surveys at country level in that regard.

365th meeting,
12 April 1967.

78 (XXIII). Tokyo Declaration

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Endorses the earnest hope expressed by the Prime Minister of Japan in his inaugural statement to the Commission on the occasion of ECAFE's twentieth anniversary that the Commission will continue to serve as a driving force for co-operation and contribute to the promotion of accelerated economic development and friendly relations as well as mutual understanding among the member countries of ECAFE and thus serve the cause of world peace and prosperity;

Recognizes the compelling urgency of the need to satisfy the legitimate aspirations of the people of Asia for higher living standards;

Notes the efforts already made by the developing countries in the region and emphasizes the need for even more effective mobilization and utilization of domestic resources for their economic and social development;

Affirms the need to obtain the maximum possible external resources on favourable terms from the developed countries and the need to liberalize trade on the part of the developed countries as a means of achieving the goals of economic development in the region;

Affirms further the great contribution which ECAFE has already made and will continue to make in serving as a forum at which Asian countries and other interested nations can meet and as a means for promoting economic and social advancement through regional co-operation;