

(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;

Requests the ECAFE 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;

Urges the developed and developing countries to adopt measures and policies that will match the aims, endeavours and hopes of the developing countries.

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86 (XXIII). Regional co-operation and harmonization  
of national development plans

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Noting with concern that the rate of economic growth of many of the developing countries in the ECAFE region has been slow and halting and that considerable efforts will be required even to achieve the modest growth targets laid down in General Assembly resolution 1710 (XVI) on the Development Decade,

Realizing that purely national efforts at rapid economic development have been hampered by the narrowness of domestic markets and an insufficiency of resources, and that such limitations can feasibly be overcome by the strategy of economic co-operation and harmonization of national development plans at both regional and sub-regional level undertaken to bring about complementarity in production and mutually beneficial trade,

Recalling its resolutions 45 (XIX) of 13 March 1963 and 56 (XXI) of 22 March 1965 on regional harmonization of national development plans,

Welcoming the resolution on dynamic Asian economic co-operation adopted at the second Ministerial Conference on Asian Economic Co-operation in 1965, and the recommendations on economic co-operation and plan harmonization made at the first and second sessions of the Conference of Asian Economic Planners held in 1961 and 1964 and of the Expert Group on Trade Liberalization held in 1964,