

and as groups, with the assistance of various regional and international bodies, in order to arrive at agreed positions and proposals on various substantive issues to be considered at the forthcoming UNCTAD session,

Invites the attention of the UNCTAD Trade and Development Board to the various suggestions concerning the second session of UNCTAD and its agenda which were made at the tenth session of the ECAFE Committee on Trade, including those made by representatives of the land-locked member countries;

Urges ECAFE member and associate member countries in the region to undertake vigorous substantive preparations for the second session of UNCTAD and to consult and co-operate among themselves and with countries in other regions, before and during the Conference, in a spirit of mutual goodwill and understanding, with a view to finding a realistic and constructive approach to the formulation of proposals aimed at agreed solutions to the problems identified and at achieving the greatest possible progress in the implementation of the recommendations of the first session of UNCTAD in the light of the Final Act;

Requests the Executive Secretary of ECAFE to continue giving assistance to member and associate member countries of the region, as suggested by the ECAFE Committee on Trade at its tenth session, in the preparations for the second session of UNCTAD, with a view to ensuring its success; and

Urges all ECAFE member and associate member countries to take at the earliest possible date positive measures aimed at accelerating the trade and economic development of the developing countries, as they agreed to do at the first session of UNCTAD, and to create conditions conducive to a harmonious, conciliatory and fruitful second session.

367th meeting,
13 April 1967.

79 (XXIII). Asian international trade fair

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Recognizing the valuable contribution that international trade fairs and exhibitions can make towards promoting international trade, attracting new investments and fostering co-operation among countries,

Noting with satisfaction the concrete and lasting results achieved by the First Asian International Trade Fair organized by the Government of Thailand in 1966 at Bangkok, in which thirty-three Governments of countries within and outside the region and over 3,000 private firms participated,

Expresses its deep appreciation to the Government of Iran for undertaking the task of organizing the Second Asian International Trade Fair at Tehran in October 1969;

Calls upon all Governments of member and associate members of ECAFE and other members of the United Nations to give full support to, and participate in, the Second Asian International Trade Fair;

Invites the attention of the organizing and participating Governments to the various suggestions made at the tenth session of the ECAFE Committee on Trade which would contribute to the success of the Fair; and

Requests the Executive Secretary of ECAFE and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to extend all possible assistance to the Fair.

367th meeting,
13 April 1967.

76 (XXIII). Development of the coconut industry
in South and Southeast Asia

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Recognizing the great importance of the coconut industry to the economy of many member countries in the region, particularly Ceylon, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippines, Thailand and the Republic of Viet-Nam, as it provides not only a source of foreign exchange but also commodities for food, clothing and shelter, as well as raw materials for industrial processing,

Being conscious of the need for greater efficiency and productivity in the coconut industry of the region to eliminate wastage, and to ensure better and fuller utilization of all the components of the coconut tree,