

357) and the work being undertaken by the Secretariat;

Noting especially the effective manner in which much of its work is carried out through sub-committees, expert working parties and special conferences;

Commends the Committee for its useful work;

Approves the report of the Committee and the recommendations included therein;

Requests the Executive Secretary to explore the possibility of the establishment of an Institute of Management in the region with the co-operation of TAA; and

Further requests the Executive Secretary to transmit to countries for appropriate action, the recommendations included in the report.

(4)

Annual Report of the Bureau of Flood Control

RESOLUTION ADOPTED 12 FEBRUARY 1953 (E/CN.11/366)

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

Having considered the annual report of the Bureau of Flood Control (E/CN.11/352);

Having noted Economic and Social Council resolution 417 (XIV) on International Co-operation on Water Control and Utilization and on the Development of Arid Land;

Reaffirms the view as embodied in the resolution (E/CN.11/292) adopted by the Commission at its seventh session that flood control is fundamentally a part of, and cannot be separated from, unified river basin development;

Commends the Bureau for the steps taken and progress made in the promotion of multiple-purpose river basin development;

Approves the programme of work of the Bureau;

Recommends that a Regional Technical Conference on Water Resources Development be held in 1954.

(5)

Report of the Second Regional Conference of Statisticians in the ECAFE Region

RESOLUTION ADOPTED 12 FEBRUARY 1953 (E/CN.11/364)

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

Notes with satisfaction the Report of the Second Regional Conference of Statisticians in the ECAFE Area (E/CN.11/354);

Approves the recommendations therein; and

Urges upon the governments in the region to consider the recommendations with a view to their implementation for the improvement of production and price statistics.

(6)

The United Nations Technical Assistance Activities in the ECAFE region

RESOLUTION ADOPTED 12 FEBRUARY 1953 (E/CN.11/369)

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

Recognizing the value and growing importance of technical assistance in the programmes of economic development of the countries of the region;

Notes with satisfaction the close co-operation between the Secretariat and the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration;

Places on record its appreciation of the activities of the Technical Assistance Administration in the ECAFE region; and

Requests the Technical Assistance Administration, in order to accelerate the pace of economic development, to intensify its activities in the region.

(7)

Amendment in the Rules of Procedures of the Commission

RESOLUTION ADOPTED 13 FEBRUARY 1953 (E/CN.11/367)

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

Decides to amend Rule 5, paragraph (c) of the Commission's Rules of Procedure (E/CN.11/2/Rev.8, 6 February 1952) as follows:

"Article 5,

"The provisional agenda for any session shall include:

"(a) ...

"(b) ...

"(c) Items proposed by any member or associate member of the Commission.

"(d) ...

"(e) ...

"(f) ..."

(8)

Proposed Amendment in the Terms of Reference of the Commission

RESOLUTION ADOPTED 14 FEBRUARY 1953 (E/CN.11/370)

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

Having considered the proposal of the Cambodian delegation to the ninth session of the Commission on the admission of associate members to full membership of the Commission;

Taking into account the decision of the Commission at its seventh session at Lahore as embodied in paragraph 341 of the Annual Report of the Commission to the Economic and Social Council for the year 1950-51 in regard to member countries belonging to the region taking their own decisions in the Commission in their own economic problems and the part which associate members can play in the making of such decisions;

Taking also into account the manner in which these arrangements have so far worked;

Considering the time ripe for a further advance in this field by admitting to full membership those associate

members who are responsible for their own international relations;

Recommends that the Economic and Social Council take early and full cognisance of the views of the Commission in the matter and admit to membership of the Commission those associate members who are responsible for their own international relations and who apply to the Commission for such membership.

(9)

Working Site of the Commission

RESOLUTION ADOPTED 14 FEBRUARY 1953 (E/CN.11/368)

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

Endorses the statement of the Assistant Secretary-General on the subject of the working site of the Commission; and

Requests the Secretary-General to act accordingly.

190. The Commission also adopted the following draft resolution for submission to the Council:

Draft Resolution for Action by the Economic and Social Council

(ADOPTED 14 FEBRUARY 1953 BY THE COMMISSION)

The Economic and Social Council

A

Takes note of the annual report of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East and the programme of work and priorities contained therein;

B

Takes note of the Commission's recommendation to admit to the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East those associate members who are responsible for their own international relations (E/CN.11/370);

C

Takes note of the Commission's recommendation regarding the future location of its working site; and

Requests the Secretary-General to take action on the lines indicated in the statement of the Assistant Secretary-General as given in paragraph 184 of the report of the Commission.

PART V

PROGRAMME OF WORK AND PRIORITIES

Introduction

191. The Commission approved the programme of work and priorities set out below.

192. This programme was adopted in the light of the report of the second session of the Inland Transport Committee (E/CN.11/350), the report of the fifth session of the Committee on Industry and Trade (E/CN.11/351), the report of the Second Regional Conference of Statisticians (E/CN.11/354), and the report of the Bureau of Flood Control, December 1951 — October 1952 (E/CN.11/352); Economic and Social Council resolutions 362 B (XII); 402 BII (XIII), and 451 A (XIV); reports of the Council Co-ordination Committee of 10 September 1951 (E/2121), and of 25 July 1952 (E/2306); and the relevant resolutions and decisions adopted at the ninth session of the Commission.

193. In formulating the proposed programme of work and priorities set out below, the basic criterion of the Commission was that stated in Council resolution 362 B (XII), as follows:

"...the question of the economic development of under-developed countries in all its aspects is by virtue of Articles 55 and 56 of the Charter a problem to which the Council must...give most urgent attention because... 'a more rapid economic development of under-developed countries, in particular an increase of their production, is essential for raising the level of productive employment and the living standards of their populations, for the growth of the world economy as a whole and for the maintenance of international peace and security'."

194. The Commission carefully considered the "List of priority programmes in the economic and social

fields" included in the report of the Council Co-ordination Committee (E/2306) of 25 July 1952. The Commission wished to draw the attention of the Council to the fact that all the projects listed below, in group 3 as well as groups 1 and 2, fell squarely within one or another of the six categories recommended by the Council Co-ordination Committee or were covered by paragraphs 9 (i) and (k) of its statement. Specifically the majority of all projects listed below fell within the Council's categories B, "Increased production in fields other than food", including "Promotion of industrial development... utilization of... natural resources... expediting... establishment of plans and development projects in heavy and light industry, transport, power and related fields... [and] expediting... the planning and exploration of means of financing such projects..."; and C, "Measures for promoting... economic stability within an expanding economy", including, "Promotion of a steady growth of international trade, with due regard to achieving an equilibrium in international accounts...". All projects listed below under agriculture, and many of the projects listed under flood control and water resources development and inland transport, fell within the Council's category A, "Increased food production and distribution". Three of the projects listed below were embraced in "Extension of housing programmes" in the Council's category D, "Acceleration of Welfare, social security and basic public health programmes", while a few of the projects listed below touched upon the Council's category E, "Development of Education and Science".

195. In the programme of work and priorities, no implication of priority was intended as between major divisions of projects designated by Roman numerals