

Having been informed that:

- (a) a Joint Philippine-Indonesian Coconut Commission has been established to promote and improve conditions of the coconut industry in those two countries,
- (b) with the help of FAO, the Government of the Philippines has applied to UNDP for assistance in the establishment of a coconut research institute in the Philippines, and
- (c) the Philippine Government is prepared to provide host facilities for such an institute,

Considers that the institute, when established, should maintain close relations with existing national and other units concerned in coconut research in order to exchange technical information and undertake work of mutual interest leading to the establishment of a regional coconut institute which could be patterned on the International Rice Research Institute at Los Banos in the Philippines, in order to achieve optimum development of the coconut industry;

Requests the ECAFE secretariat to take measures, in close co-operation with FAO and with the assistance of UNIDO, UNDP and other international and national organizations concerned, for the establishment of the coconut institute; and

Requests the Governments of Indonesia and the Philippines to provide other coconut-producing member countries of the region with relevant information concerning their Joint Coconut Commission to enable them to consider the desirability of joining the Commission at an appropriate time.

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### 83 (XXIII). Housing, building and planning

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Recalling resolution 1676 (XVI) of the United Nations General Assembly recommending that Governments of member states assess the "adequacy of

measures dealing with various aspects of the urbanization process and review their national policies and programmes affecting urbanization",

Taking note of the report of the Seminar on Planning for Urban and Regional Development including Metropolitan Areas, New Towns and Land Policies, which gave special attention to problems resulting from the excessive and increasing land prices in and around urban areas,

Concerned at the unprecedented increase in the urban population, the number and size of haphazardly growing urban areas and the mounting backlog in housing especially for the low-income groups,

Considering the magnitude of the problem and the urgent need to forestall further deterioration of the urban environment,

Recommends that the Governments of the developing member countries of the region:

- (a) harmonize their social, economic and physical planning at all levels and translate their national development plans into national physical plans;
- (b) take full account of the intimate relationship between urbanization, industrialization and economic development;
- (c) evolve well defined urbanization policies indicating the ratio of urban to rural population and the pattern of population distribution required to produce maximum economic and social gains;
- (d) adopt, and issue directives for implementing, a well defined industrial location policy aimed at avoiding over-concentration of economic activities and encouraging a more rational distribution of population and of the benefits of industrial development programmes;
- (e) evolve rational urban land policies aimed at achieving a social optimum in the use of urban land, eliminating conditions of scarcity of land, curbing undue rises in land values and utilizing the gains of socially generated surpluses in real estate value for the common good; and

Recommends further that:

- (a) these Governments accord higher priorities to housing, urban and regional planning programmes in their development plans;
- (b) the existing training and research facilities in urban planning be expanded.

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80 (XXIII). Asian Industrial Development Council

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Recalling its resolution 68 (XXII) of 31 March 1966 on the establishment of the Asian Industrial Development Council capable of effectively assisting the developing countries of the ECAFE region in the promotion and acceleration of industrial development,

Reaffirming its belief that there is an urgent need for intensifying national efforts as well as for furthering close co-operation at the sub-regional and regional levels in promoting industrial development in the developing countries of the region in order to ensure better utilization of resources and thus achieve a much faster rate of economic growth than at present,

Noting with satisfaction the establishment of the Asian Industrial Development Council in September 1966 and the formation of an advisory group on development policies,

Noting further that the Council has identified a number of industrial projects for early consideration for multi-national action,

Expressing its gratitude to member countries of ECAFE for their support to the work of the Council and for their willingness to consider making available their national experts to serve the Council,