

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