

(ii) To use more extensively the experts in ECAFE and its various bodies provided by certain countries, with a view to widening the resources of the Commission; and to accept at his discretion and after due consideration of their qualifications the services of such experts on a voluntary and free-of-cost basis, for assignment in a technical capacity for regional projects.

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91 (XXIV). ECAFE TRADE PROMOTION CENTRE

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Considering the very urgent need for collective effort in overcoming obstacles to the trade expansion of countries of the region through the development of trade promotion activities,

Recognizing the importance of the newly established United Nations Export Promotion Programme and the vital role of the regional economic commissions in serving as centres of initiative for that Programme and in supporting the over-all efforts to promote the export trade of the developing countries,

Welcoming the accord reached between UNCTAD and GATT on the establishment of the International Trade Centre, effective from 1 January 1968, to be operated jointly by the two organizations,

Taking note of UNCTAD resolution 1 (II) on training of technical and special staff in the field of export promotion adopted at its second session on 21 March 1968,

1. *Endorses* the recommendation made by the ECAFE Committee on Trade at its eleventh session held in January 1968 that a regional centre for trade promotion be established within the ECAFE secretariat, and that the activities of this centre be complementary to, and closely co-ordinated with, those of the joint UNCTAD/GATT International Trade Centre, and of UNDP, UNIDO and specialized agencies of the United Nations which have programmes in the field of trade;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to take steps for the early establishment of an ECAFE trade promotion centre, and to seek adequate technical and financial assistance from international organizations and other bodies concerned to ensure its effective functioning;

3. *Invites* Governments of States Members of the United Nations to extend full co-operation to the work of the Centre;

4. *Further requests* UNDP, UNIDO, the UNCTAD/GATT International Trade Centre, the specialized agencies of the United Nations and other appropriate bodies to extend full co-operation and assistance to the ECAFE trade promotion centre.

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