

the secretariat of the Commission. Hitherto, many of the countries, being short of suitable personnel to meet their own needs, found it difficult to spare people for international service. Now, however, the position in this respect in some countries of the region is somewhat easier, and these countries are ready to give every assistance within their power to the Secretary-General in his efforts to recruit suitable personnel. A useful development, which might be encouraged, is the practice by which governments of the region second officials to the ECAFE secretariat for a period of a year or more. This is of great value both to the secretariat and to the governments concerned, in facilitating the work of the secretariat, creating closer understanding between the latter and the governments, and in giving the officials in question wider experience and greater knowledge of the problems of the region as a whole.

344. The Commission has given some thought to the scale of its budget. It desires to point out that the relative shortage of expert and administrative personnel in some of the countries of the region necessitates more travelling by members of the secretariat, while the great distances to be traversed make the cost of such travel higher than in smaller and more homogeneous areas such as Europe. By its very nature, the work of the Commission has steadily expanded. The Commission hopes that full account will be taken of these factors in determining the budget provision for 1952.

345. Finally, the Commission would like to express its high appreciation of the valuable work done in the last three and a half years by the secretariat under the able leadership of Dr. Lokanathan on whom fell the main responsibility — and privilege — of doing pioneering work in this new field of activity.

Part V. Resolutions adopted at the seventh session

A. RESOLUTION ON THE FUTURE OF THE COMMISSION AND SUGGESTED CHANGES IN THE TERMS OF REFERENCE

THE FUTURE OF THE COMMISSION

Resolution of 7 March 1951 (E/CN.11/304)

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

Having considered the development and achievements of the Commission since its inception;

Recognizing that its work has been of increasing value in the economic reconstruction and development of the region;

Recommends to the Economic and Social Council that the Commission be continued indefinitely, subject to periodic review of its activities by the Council; and further

Recognizing that its terms of reference (E/CN.11/1/29/Rev.2) require modification in the light of its development and in order to enable it to continue its service to the region as effectively as possible;

Recommends that the following changes be made in the terms of reference:

In paragraph 1 (a), after the words "economic reconstruction", add "and development";

After paragraph 1 (c), add two new clauses 1 (d) and 1 (e) to read as follows:

"(d) Perform such advisory services, within the available resources of its secretariat, as the countries of the region may desire, provided that such services do not overlap with those rendered by the specialized agencies or the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration;

"(e) Assist the Economic and Social Council, at its request, in discharging its functions within the region in connexion with any economic problems, including problems in the field of technical assistance";

Paragraph 2, amend to read as follows:

"2. The territories of Asia and the Far East referred to in paragraph 1 shall include Brunei, Burma, Cambodia, Ceylon, China, Federation of Malaya, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Korea, Laos, Nepal, North Borneo, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sarawak, Singapore, Thailand and Viet-Nam";

Paragraph 3, omit the words, "in the first instance", and amend the list of member countries to read as follows:

"Australia, Burma, China, France, India, Indonesia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, Thailand, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom and the United States of America";

Paragraph 3 A (1) renumber 4 and amend to read as follows:

"4. The associate members shall include Cambodia, Ceylon, Hong Kong, Korea, Laos, Malaya and British Borneo (i.e. North Borneo, Brunei, Federation of Malaya, Sarawak and Singapore), Nepal and Viet-Nam";

New paragraph 5, insert a new paragraph 5 reading as follows:

"5. Any territory, part or group of territories within the geographical scope of the Commission as defined in paragraph 2 may, on presentation of its application to the Commission by the member responsible for the international relations of such territory, part or group of territories, be admitted by the Commission as an associate member of the Commission. If it has become responsible for its own international relations, such territory, part or group of territories may be admitted

as an associate member of the Commission on itself presenting its application to the Commission”;

Old paragraph 3 A (ii), alter the numbering to 6;

Old paragraph 3 A (iii), alter the numbering to 7 and before the words “hold office”, insert the words “vote and”;

Old paragraph 3 A (iv), delete;

Old paragraphs 4-13, renumber 8-17;

Old paragraph 14, renumber 18 and amend the last ten words to read as follows:

“the working site of the Commission shall remain in Bangkok”;

Old paragraph 15, renumber 19 and amend to read as follows:

“19. The Council shall, from time to time, make special reviews of the work of the Commission”.

Footnotes, delete all footnotes.

B. OTHER RESOLUTIONS

1. Death of M. Henri Maux (E/CN.11/288).
2. Flood Control (E/CN.11/292).
3. Statistics (E/CN.11/293).
4. Measures to Increase the Availability of Educational and Scientific Materials in the ECAFE Region (E/CN.11/295).
5. Report of the third session of the Committee on Industry and Trade (E/CN.11/296).
6. Annual *Economic Survey* and Quarterly *Economic Bulletin* (E/CN.11/297).
7. Inland Transport (E/CN.11/298): (a) Resolution on the Report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of Experts on Inland Transport; (b) Resolution on the Creation of the Inland Transport Committee of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East; (c) Resolution on the Establishment of a Railway Sub-Committee.
8. Consultative Relations with Non-Governmental Organizations (E/CN.11/299).
9. Technical Assistance (E/CN.11/300).
10. Implementation of Commission Recommendations (E/CN.11/301).
11. Continued Co-operation with FAO and ILO (E/CN.11/302).
12. Date and Place of the Eighth Session of the Commission and of the Fourth Session of the Committee on Industry and Trade (E/CN.11/303).
13. Supply of Capital Goods (E/CN.11/305).

DEATH OF M. HENRI MAUX

Resolution of 1 March 1951 (E/CN.11/288)

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

Expresses its deep regret at the untimely and tragic death of M. Henri Maux, who had led the delegation of France since the second session of the Commission with such skill, tact and courtesy; with his logical mind, clear and incisive presentation and his wide practical knowledge of economic questions he made a most valuable contribution to the work of the Commission, and his courtesy and charm of manner endeared him personally to all who came in contact with him;

Desires that a copy of this resolution with an expression of its sincere condolence be transmitted through the French Government to M. Maux's family.

FLOOD CONTROL

Resolution of 2 March 1951 (E/CN.11/292)

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

Having considered the annual report of the Bureau of Flood Control (E/CN.11/263) and the report by the Regional Technical Conference on Flood Control (E/CN.11/264 and Add.1);

Notes with satisfaction the work achieved by the Bureau and in particular the technical services rendered by the experts of the Bureau to the countries of the region;

Commends the Bureau for its valuable publication on Flood Damage and Flood Control Activities in Asia and the Far East (Flood Control Series No. 1) and recommends the continuation of the publication of the Flood Control Series;

Stressing that flood control is fundamentally a part of, and cannot be separated from, unified river basin development;

Requests the Executive Secretary to bring to the notice of member and associate member governments for their consideration the recommendations by the Regional Technical Conference on Flood Control as given in part IV of its report; and

Approves the following programme of work of the Bureau for 1951 in the following order of priority:

1. Improvement of flood control methods;
2. Joint study on river bank protection, river training and the silt problem;
3. Investigation and promotion of multiple-purpose river basin development for flood control;
4. Technical advice and assistance to governments;
5. Technical problems relating to international rivers;
6. Standardization of methods and records for hydrological measurements including standard form of hydrological year book;