

92 (XXIV). TRAINING COURSES FOR STUDY OF TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF
STRUCTURES AND TECHNIQUES IN TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Recognizing the importance of trade expansion and the reduction or removal of tariff and other barriers to the trade of the world at large and of the developing countries in particular,

Aware that, on account of the highly technical nature of the matters discussed at various international trade negotiations, the developing countries are handicapped by a serious lack of highly qualified personnel fully conversant with those complex matters and with the implications of the new fiscal and monetary policies, including policies regarding internal tax structures,

1. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to arrange for the studies of tariff structures, internal taxation and pricing policies of developed countries and techniques relevant to trade negotiations for the benefit of members wishing to avail themselves of these studies, as the ECAFE secretariat may deem necessary and feasible;

2. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to make arrangements for holding seminars and training courses as early as possible, with the help of GATT, UNCTAD, other United Nations agencies and co-operating countries.

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93 (XXIV). PRE-INVESTMENT STUDY OF TELECOMMUNICATION
LINKS IN THE ECAFE REGION

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Being aware of the importance of telecommunication for the economic development of the region,

Noting the support expressed for the earliest possible establishment of terrestrial wide-band systems linking the domestic networks of neighbouring countries in the region for short-range and medium-range communication purposes,

Conscious of the importance of developing the regional telecommunication network in accordance with the Asia Telecommunication Plan as part of the World Telecommunication Plan and with the technical standards recommended by the consultative committees of ITU,

Recognizing that a plan of wide-band regional telecommunication links, divided into several sub-regional plans, has been prepared by the joint ECAFE/ITU Unit and that priority has been given to a number of telecommunication projects in accordance with the above plan with the objective of furthering the economic development of the region,

Recognizing further:

(1) The desirability of concerted action in establishing the telecommunication projects and the need for prior survey and on-site investigations in order to obtain accurate financial and technical assessments,

(2) The need to study and suggest suitable tariff structures throughout the region,

(3) The necessity to obtain assistance for the surveys, investigations and study from a team of highly specialized experts,

(4) The need for the active participation of telecommunication administrations in the countries concerned,

1. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of ECAFE to give high priority to the implementation of the telecommunication projects in close co-operation with ITU and other interested organizations and institutions;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary General of ITU to seek, under UNDP, the services of a team of experts to undertake the pre-investment surveys in the region and to prepare projects at the earliest possible dates in close co-operation with ECAFE, the Asian Development Bank and other interested organizations and institutions.

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