

Part III

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION AT ITS TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION

94 (XXV). THE SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2411 (XXIII) on an international development strategy,

Noting the conclusions reached by the Sixth Working Group of Experts on Programming Techniques,

Considering that a sustained annual average rate of growth of 6 to 7 per cent for the developing countries of the ECAFE region may be feasible during the Second Development Decade if developing countries increase their own domestic efforts to develop and if, *inter alia*, developed countries achieve a flow of aid at the rate of one per cent of their gross national product as from the commencement of the Decade,

Aware that proposals for the strategy for the Second Development Decade are now under consideration by the Economic and Social Council, the Committee for Development Planning, and other organs of the United Nations,

Recognizing that the experience of the first Development Decade has yielded lessons in development planning and implementation at both national and international levels that will be valuable for the Second Development Decade,

Noting with satisfaction the impressive increase, during the first Development Decade, of the capability of the Asian countries to plan, organize and manage their own economic development both individually and within a regional, sub-regional or multi-national co-operative framework, and the progress made by them during this period,

Aware that the promotion of regional, sub-regional and multi-national economic co-operation among ECAFE countries within a comprehensive regional framework is important for the success of their development efforts, both individually and collectively,

Noting the success of the Commission in initiating and implementing a number of regional, sub-regional and multi-national projects of deep and pervasive importance to the region,

Considering that within the world-wide machinery of the United Nations for the implementation of the Second Development Decade, the regional economic commissions have a crucial and decisive role to play in implementing the global strategy at appropriate levels,

1. *Draws attention* to the role of the Commission in the field of regional economic co-operation as

comprehensively developed at the Third Ministerial Conference on Asian Economic Co-operation;

2. *Affirms* the need of the Commission for full support by the United Nations in general, and by the Commission's own members in particular, of its efforts to promote within a comprehensive framework regional, sub-regional and multi-national co-operation, functionally and otherwise, amongst interested countries in all areas of economic and social activity;

3. *Affirms further* the need of the Commission for adequate resources and authority to formulate and execute plans and projects that would promote and accelerate the process of development at appropriate levels and in diverse sectors within the framework of comprehensive regional co-operation;

4. *Emphasizes* that the formulation of an international strategy for development in the Second Development Decade must fully reflect the national and regional aspirations for a better standard of living of the peoples of Asia;

5. *Calls* on the developing countries of ECAFE to increase further their productive capacities, to strengthen their internal economic development machinery and to foster co-operation among themselves on a regional, sub-regional or multi-national basis within a comprehensive framework;

6. *Urges* the developed countries to help to ensure the success of the Second Development Decade by providing for aid at a level consistent with their abilities and the developmental needs of developing countries, and by promoting measures helpful to the growth of the export incomes of the developing countries in accordance with the resolutions adopted by UNCTAD;

7. *Urges* the developed and developing countries to formulate and implement appropriate programmes, policies and measures that will help in the accomplishment of the expectations and growth targets of the Second Development Decade;

8. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to present at the annual sessions of the Commission concrete recommendations on proposals for implementation, at appropriate levels within the ECAFE region, of the strategy for the Second Development Decade and to undertake periodical evaluation of the progress made.

409th meeting,
26 April 1969.

95 (XXV). THE ASIAN COCONUT COMMUNITY

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Recognizing the importance of the coconut in-