

7. Publication of technical information on flood control works and flood control methods;
8. Co-ordination of research programmes of hydraulic research stations;
9. Pooling of experts of the region for flood control works;
10. Dissemination of technical reports and publications.

STATISTICS

Resolution of 2 March 1951 (E/CN.11/293)

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

Having noted with satisfaction the report of the Regional Conference of Statisticians (E/CN.11/265):

Commends the recommendations therein;

Resolves that a working party of experts, to co-ordinate the work of governments in the region relating to the adoption of the Standard International Trade Classification, be convened in 1951 by the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the United Nations Statistical Office, the Technical Assistance Administration and the specialized agencies concerned;

Recommends that the Second Regional Conference of Statisticians be convened by the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the United Nations Statistical Office, the Technical Assistance Administration and the specialized agencies concerned, in 1952;

Requests the governments of the region at the Second Regional Conference, to report on the implementation of the recommendations of the First Regional Conference of Statisticians.

MEASURES TO INCREASE THE AVAILABILITY OF EDUCATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC MATERIALS IN THE ECAFE REGION

Resolution of 2 March 1951 (E/CN.11/295)

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

Having considered the report of the ECAFE/UNESCO Joint Working Party on "Measures to Increase the Availability of Educational and Scientific Materials in the ECAFE Region" (E/CN.11/266 and annexes);

Commends the report;

Approves the recommendations contained therein, namely:

1. That governments of the region, when negotiating new trade agreements or reconsidering existing agreements, specifically enumerate educational and scientific supplies in their lists of proposed imports;
2. That governments of the region fully explore the possibilities of obtaining grants of educational and scientific materials under Point 4, the Colombo Plan, and other aid programmes; similarly, in view of the urgent needs of the region for such materials, that the

countries sponsoring aid programmes give favourable consideration to such needs;

3. That supplying countries favourably consider the extension of medium-term credits, either commercially or by government, for the supply of educational and scientific materials to countries of the region; similarly, that governments of the region approach suppliers for such credits, and further that, in order to obtain the best terms, they consolidate so far as possible their national requirements;

4. That governments of the region make more liberal allocations of foreign exchange for the import of educational and scientific materials;

5. That governments of the region, in the light of known availabilities outside the dollar area, re-examine their lists of key shortages with a view to utilizing other sources of supply;

6. (a) In regard to existing production of educational and scientific materials in the region, that governments encourage increased and improved production and publicize their products more widely with a view to promoting sales to other countries of the region;

(b) That UNESCO carry into effect as soon as possible its plan for the preparation and distribution of handbooks of drawings and blueprints for the construction of simple scientific instruments and apparatus; the possibility of utilizing the United Nations Programme of Technical Assistance in effecting this plan might also be considered;

(c) That governments of the region, with the aid of the handbooks mentioned in (b) above, if available, encourage the setting up by private enterprise, or themselves set up, workshops for the production of simple scientific instruments and apparatus;

(d) That governments of the region, in promoting new production and in encouraging increased and improved production of educational and scientific materials, draw fully upon the equipment and services available under development and technical assistance programmes;

Requests the Executive Secretary to submit these recommendations to the member and associate member governments for their consideration; and further

Requests the Executive Secretary to submit recommendation 6 (b) to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for its consideration.

REPORT OF THE THIRD SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRY AND TRADE

Resolution of 3 March 1951 (E/CN.11/296)

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

(a) *Notes* with satisfaction the report of the third session of the Committee on Industry and Trade (E/CN.11/267);