

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);

Approves the recommendations therein, subject to the following amendments:

(i) Add the word "merely" after the words "rather than" on line 3 of page 7;

(ii) The first two lines of page 13 should read "examine the possibility of encouraging further the expansion of joint research and of inducing some country or countries of the region to set up a pilot plant for the treating of low grade coal and iron ores";

(iii) The first two lines of the last paragraph on page 17 should read: "That the United Nations Transport and Communications Commission be requested by the Economic and Social Council to continue its programme for the reduction....";

(b) *Noting* that the programmes for industrial and agricultural development of the countries of the region require increased use of machinery, equipment and materials, and that Europe is an important source of supplies for such purposes;

Considering that an expansion of trade between countries of Europe and of this region is therefore desirable;

Welcomes the action of the Executive Secretary in discussing this matter with the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe;

Requests the Executive Secretary to undertake, in co-operation with the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe, a joint study of ways and means to increase trade between the ECAFE region and Europe on terms equitable and advantageous to the countries concerned, preparatory work for such study to commence forthwith and the study to be completed, if practicable, in 1952;

(c) *Expresses* its keen interest in the programme on the conservation and utilization of non-agricultural resources and on conferences on resources problems, as outlined in the Secretary-General's report (E/1906) and approved by the Economic Committee of the Economic and Social Council on 22 February 1951;

Requests the Executive Secretary, in co-operation with the United Nations Headquarters, to take any such steps in connexion with the programme as may be required by the Council's resolutions;

(d) *Approves* the recommendation of the Committee to hold its fourth session immediately before the eighth session of the Commission.

ANNUAL ECONOMIC SURVEY AND QUARTERLY ECONOMIC BULLETIN

Resolution of 6 March 1951 (E/CN.11/297)

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

Having noted with satisfaction the report on the annual *Economic Survey* and the quarterly *Economic Bulletin* (E/CN.11/270);

Commends the secretariat for the steady improvement in the annual *Economic Survey* and for the publication of the quarterly *Economic Bulletin*;

Recognizing the importance of regular and timely supply of information on current economic developments in countries of the region for inclusion in the *Survey* and the *Bulletin*, and the useful functions being performed by economic correspondents and liaison officers in the supply of such information;

Requests the governments in the region which have not yet appointed such correspondents to appoint them as soon as possible.

REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON INLAND TRANSPORT

Resolutions of 6 March 1951 (E/CN.11/298)

(A)

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

Having considered the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee of Experts on Inland Transport (E/CN.11/262 and Add.1) and the report of the Committee of the Commission thereon (E/CN.11/AC.15/1);

Having noted with satisfaction the valuable work undertaken by the *Ad Hoc* Committee;

Approves the report of the *Ad Hoc* Committee and the recommendations contained therein as amended in the report of the Committee of the Commission.

(B)

Creation of the Inland Transport Committee of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

Considering that the inland transport system in the region needs to be improved and developed, with proper balance between the different forms to meet the demands of a rapidly increasing population and industrialization;

That the scope and the number of problems of international transport as well as those of national transport require continuous and co-ordinated consideration at an inter-governmental level;

That these problems could best be dealt with by a subsidiary body of the Commission so as to provide a means to ensure appropriate action in the solution of urgent transport questions;

Resolves to establish an inland transport committee as a subsidiary body, to be known as the Inland Transport Committee of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, specially qualified to deal with inland transport problems;

Resolves further that the Inland Transport Committee should: