

*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: