

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:

(a) Serve in a consultative and advisory capacity in the field of inland transport in Asia and the Far East, taking no action in respect of any specific country without the agreement of the government of that country;

(b) Provide a forum for discussion among governments of subjects of common interest in the field of inland transport;

(c) Stimulate the development of inland transport in Asia and the Far East;

(d) Promote agreements between governments on long-term inland transport policy in Asia and the Far East;

Recommends that the main specific functions of the Inland Transport Committee might be:

(a) To undertake the study of problems in the field of transport in Asia and the Far East and to formulate the results of these studies as concrete proposals;

(b) To stimulate research on inland transport development in the region by national or other appropriate authorities;

(c) To collect, and promote the standardization of, statistics in the field of inland transport and to disseminate this and other information among governments in consultation with the Statistical Office of the United Nations;

(d) To give the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East such advice as it may require in the field of inland transport and to carry out such tasks as the Commission may assign to it;

(e) To advise governments at their request on matters of intra-regional transport;

(f) To make recommendations on the creation of intra-regional inland transport bodies in Asia and the Far East;

(g) To study the co-ordination of the different forms of inland transport and to make recommendations for the promotion of action in this matter where desirable;

(h) To advise, if requested by the governments concerned, on the revision of existing conventions in the field of international inland transport and on the conclusion of new conventions in that field;

(i) To receive and collect information regarding transport requirements, and to assist in the realization of such requirements if so requested by the governments concerned;

(j) To recommend, where necessary, ways and means of co-ordinated action under the United Nations Technical Assistance Programme in the field of inland transport in order that the maximum benefit to the region be derived;

Recommends that membership of the Inland Transport Committee should be open to all member and associate member governments of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East;

Recommends that the Committee, with the consent of the Commission and when considered necessary for the discussion of specific subjects, may invite non-member governments from outside the region to be represented at its meetings;

Recommends that the Inland Transport Committee should meet at least once a year and that the Executive Secretary convene the first meeting of the Committee in 1951;

Recommends that recommendations of the Inland Transport Committee should be submitted to the Commission; in respect, however, of recommendations not affecting other spheres of activity of the Commission and not involving inter-governmental instruments of long-term transport policy, these could be submitted directly to governments by the Committee, unless instructions to the contrary were given by the Commission in particular cases; in cases where divergent views are expressed, any member should be entitled to bring the matter to the notice of the Commission at the latter's first session after the submission of a minority report which the member must submit in writing within six months of the Committee's meeting;

Recommends that the Inland Transport Committee of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East be entitled to:

(i) Set up, if deemed necessary, sub-committees on railways, roads and inland waterways, to consider and examine problems essentially concerning these means of transport; and that the Committee and its sub-committees be entitled to convene working parties of its members, assisted, if necessary, by one or more experts at their discretion, or of experts appointed by governments at the invitation of the Committee or its sub-committees, the working parties being authorized to elect their own chairman, determine their own methods of procedure and report either to the Committee or to a sub-committee as the case may require;

(ii) To request the Secretariat to make investigation or factual studies of any inland transport problems.

(C)

Establishment of a Railway Sub-Committee

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

Recognizing the great importance of railway transport to the economic life of the peoples of Asia and the Far East, and the value of co-operation among railway transport authorities of the countries of this region;

Recommends that the Inland Transport Committee of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far

East establish a railway sub-committee to deal with such matters as the Committee may refer to it, or the governments or the railway administrations of the region may request;

Recommends that this sub-committee, when formed, should consider and examine the desirability of the creation of a railway association for the Asian and Far Eastern region.

CONSULTATIVE RELATIONS WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Resolution of 6 March 1951 (E/CN.11/299)

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

Having noted the report by the Executive Secretary on Consultative Relations between the Commission and Non-Governmental Organizations (E/CN.11/269) and annexes);

Recognizing that the special circumstances of the Commission justify different rules of procedure in respect of non-governmental organizations from those adopted by the Economic and Social Council for the Council itself and for the functional commissions,

Resolves that the existing rules of procedure in respect of the Commission's relations with non-governmental organizations be retained, subject, however, to the following amendments:

Rule 3. Add the following words at the end of the sentence: "Distribution shall be similar to that under rule 45".

Rule 6. Item (e) after the words "Category (a)" add the following words: "subject to the provisions of clause 6 A".

Last paragraph. ("Before... as may be necessary") to be deleted.

New rule 6 A. Add a new clause 6 A reading as follows:

"Non-governmental organizations in Category A may propose items on matters within their competence for the provisional agenda of the Commission subject to the following conditions:

"(a) An organization which intends to propose such an item shall inform the Executive Secretary at least sixty-three days before the commencement of the session, and before formally proposing an item shall give due consideration to any comments he may make;

"(b) The proposal shall be formally submitted with the relevant basic documentation not less than forty-nine days before the commencement of the session."

Rule 43. Amend the last sentence to read as follows:

"This shall include distribution to non-governmental organizations in Category A and to the appropriate

non-governmental organizations in Category B and on the Register, and on appropriate occasions to consultative members."

References to organizations in Category (c): Wherever "Category (c)" in reference to non-governmental organizations appears in the rules of procedure, substitute the words "On the Register".

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Resolution of 7 March 1951 (E/CN.11/300)

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

Recognizes that the question of raising the standard of living of the people of under-developed countries is one of prime importance and urgency;

Recognizes further that improvement in standards of living and economic and social progress require increased technical skill in addition to an adequate supply of capital;

Appreciates the efforts of the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration and the specialized agencies in their technical assistance programmes, but

Notes that the flow of technical assistance to the countries of ECAFE region in the field of economic development has so far been slow;

Expresses the hope that the flow would be accelerated following the initiation of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance of the United Nations and specialized agencies under the ECOSOC resolution 222 (IX) and the General Assembly resolution 304 (IV);

Recommends to the Economic and Social Council that it request the Secretary-General to ensure:

(i) An increased supply on a continuing basis of technical assistance to under-developed countries in the region with minimum delay including the establishment of pilot and demonstration projects and assistance in the establishment of training and research institutes;

(ii) The provision of experts, technicians, other personnel of requisite ability, and training facilities to the utmost extent at as low a cost as possible to the underdeveloped countries;

Suggests that the governments of the countries of the region make prompt requests for technical assistance, including the technical assistance required by them for the work projects recommended by the Commission; and

Requests the Executive Secretary to keep closely in touch with the member and associate member governments of the Commission in connexion with technical assistance developments, in particular concerning the work projects recommended by the Commission, and to give them such help and advice as they may wish in the preparation of their requests for technical assistance.