

5. *Further invites* the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination to co-ordinate its efforts with the Interagency Committee on Rural Development for the ESCAP Region in the implementation of programmes for integrated rural development in this region so as to avoid duplication;

6. *Appeals* to member and other countries as well as donors to continue and increase their assistance for the implementation of the programme, keeping in view the urgent and massive requirements of rural development in the region;

7. *Further appeals* to member Governments to make efforts to ensure the support of the governing bodies of the respective international agencies for the interagency co-ordinated plan of action;

8. *Urges* member countries and international agencies to make maximum use of the technical expertise and facilities available within the countries of the region in implementing the programme;

9. *Recommends* that participating Governments, with assistance from international agencies when requested, should monitor and assess progress in the implementation of integrated rural development programmes in their respective countries;

10. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to take the necessary measures for a continuous review of progress in the implementation of the programme, submit the first progress report on the interagency co-ordinated plan of action as well as the integrated programme to the Commission at its thirty-fourth session and convene an *ad hoc* intergovernmental meeting at an appropriate time for purposes of consultation and review;

11. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to take effective measures in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, giving due consideration to the arrangements which already exist, such as country studies, in order to provide an effective regional contribution to the forthcoming World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development, including the possibility of convening a regional conference on agrarian reform and rural development.

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173 (XXXIII). Increased participation by the developing island countries of the Pacific in the activities of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolution 141 (XXX) and the subsequent change of name of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East to "Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific" in recognition of the geographical scope of the Commission,

Noting the desire expressed by the developing island countries of the Pacific to play a more active role in the affairs of the Commission and the development of the region as a whole,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3202 (S-VI) containing the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order and 3362 (S-VII) on development and international economic co-operation, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, called upon the international community to assist in the structural transformation of the economies of the developing countries while devoting particular attention to the least developed, land-locked and island developing countries,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 3338 (XXIX), in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, invited the heads of organizations concerned within the United Nations system to intensify their efforts with respect to developing island countries within their fields of competence,

Recalling also resolution 98 (IV) adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the least developed among the developing countries, developing island countries and developing land-locked countries, in which the Conference, *inter alia*, urged international organizations to pursue and intensify studies and technical assistance efforts to assist small islands in overcoming the peculiar problems of their geographical situation and characteristics,

Further recalling General Assembly resolution 31/156 on an action programme in favour of developing island countries,

Reaffirming its resolution 169 (XXXII) on special measures in favour of the least developed, land-locked and island countries,

1. *Requests* the Executive Secretary (a) to consult with the developing island countries of the Pacific which are members or associate members of the Commission with a view to seeking their views on how the developing island countries of the Pacific can be assisted in playing a more active role in the affairs of the Commission and the development of the region as a whole, (b) to consult fully with other multilateral bodies such as the South Pacific Commission and the South Pacific Bureau for Economic Co-operation as well as the United Nations agencies working in the Pacific region, so as to ensure

the fullest co-ordination between them and (c) to report to the Commission at its thirty-fourth session on the progress made in implementing this resolution;

2. *Requests* the United Nations Development Programme and interested members of the Commission to assist in the implementation of this resolution to the greatest extent possible.

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174 (XXXIII). Regional co-operation in the development of coarse grains, pulses, roots and tubers

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recognizing that coarse grains, pulses, roots and tubers are important to the efforts of the developing countries in the region, not only as staple foods and cheap sources of nutrition but also as sources of raw materials for livestock feed and other industries and ultimately as a vital input in rural development efforts,

Reaffirming that there is an urgent need to strengthen national research and development efforts in order that nations may truly benefit from the production of these crops and optimize benefits from all the research which is being carried out at the international and national levels in developing and developed countries,

Considering that, to achieve this end, a regional mechanism needs to be devised to facilitate effective co-ordination in research on and development of such crops through the planning and implementation of action-oriented programmes,

Noting with appreciation the progress so far made by the ESCAP secretariat in promoting activities for regional co-operation in the development of coarse grains, pulses, roots and tubers,

1. *Endorses* the report of the Intergovernmental Expert Group Meeting on the Establishment of a Regional Co-ordination Centre for Research and Development of Coarse Grains, Pulses, Roots and Tubers in Humid Tropics of Asia and the Pacific;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To take the necessary steps for the establishment of such a regional co-ordination centre, in close co-operation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research and other

appropriate organizations, including the mobilization of resources from member countries and other sources and consultation with the Governments of member countries on the provision of host facilities, keeping in view the kind offer made by the Government of Indonesia in this regard;

(b) To strengthen the nucleus staff in the secretariat to prepare the ground for initiating and co-ordinating the activities of Phase I of the project;

(c) To submit a progress report on the matter to the Commission at its thirty-fourth session;

3. *Invites* international organizations and institutions concerned with research on and development of coarse grains, pulses, roots and tubers and all member countries to extend their fullest assistance towards the successful implementation of the recommendations contained in this resolution.

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175 (XXXIII). Regional training and research institutions of the Commission

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolution 165 (XXXII) and 166 (XXXII) relating to the Commission's regional training and research institutions, namely, the Asian Development Institute, the Asian Statistical Institute, the Asian Centre for Development Administration, the Asian Centre for Training and Research in Social Welfare and Development and the Asia and Pacific Centre for Women and Development,

Further recalling resolutions 123 (XXVIII) and 166 (XXXII) concerning the extension of the Asian Institute for Economic Development and Planning (now termed the Asian Development Institute) into a third phase, the permanency of the Institute and the offer by the Royal Government of Thailand to provide a piece of land at Bangkok and contribute 20 per cent towards the building cost of the Institute,

Taking note of the Executive Secretary's report on the regional institutions and endorsing the recommendations and proposals contained therein,

Taking note of the action taken by the Executive Secretary to establish advisory committees for the regional institutions, set up the Co-ordinating Committee at the technical level and conduct elections to the Intergovernmental Governing Council of the Regional Training and Research Institutions,