

(b) Taking into account the heterogeneity of the developing countries, especially with regard to their levels of development, socio-economic systems, national objectives and the means of achieving those objectives;

(c) Taking a flexible approach to the formulation and adjustment of development targets and defining ways in which these targets should be achieved;

4. *Affirms* that the input from the ESCAP region into preparations for the new international development strategy should be based on the necessity for economic growth with social justice, *inter alia*, through continuing efforts to eliminate poverty with the provision of basic needs, improve the quality of life, achieve a more equitable distribution of income, and increase participation by the population, especially the rural poor, in the process of development;

5. *Calls upon* the Executive Secretary, when preparing the regional contribution to the formulation of the new international development strategy for the 1980s, to:

(a) Ensure that full account is taken of the views of the Commission as indicated in the above paragraphs;

(b) Also give due consideration to the agreed views on the strategy contained in the report of the Commission on its thirty-fourth session, particularly those specifying effective measures to remove the main obstacles to the development of the developing countries so as to enhance their individual and collective self-reliance;

(c) Continue to place emphasis on the resolution of problems in the priority areas identified by the Commission: food and agriculture; energy; raw materials and commodities; transfer of technology; international trade, transnational corporations and external financial resource transfers; and integrated rural development;

(d) Develop strategies which reflect particular needs in the ESCAP region, in accordance with national objectives, especially with regard to shipping, population, integration of women in the development process, youth development, mobilization of domestic resources, industrialization, notably the development of rural, small-scale and labour-intensive industries, management of water resources, land reform and the restructuring of agrarian institutions, including the promotion of co-operative movements, and human settlements;

(e) Explore new patterns of subregional, regional and international co-operation, especially among developing countries, based on the principle of respect for sovereignty, equality and mutual benefit, and necessitated by the fact of increasing global interdependence and by the need to ensure the early establishment of a New International Economic Order;

(f) Ensure that the experience of countries with

different socio-economic systems is taken fully into account;

6. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, in the implementation of this resolution, to ensure appropriate co-ordination with the work being undertaken by the Secretary-General of the United Nations in pursuance of the pertinent resolutions of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly on the preparations for the new international development strategy to be adopted by the General Assembly at its special session to be held in 1980.

532nd meeting
17 March 1978

181 (XXXIV). Role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries²

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3335 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, 3488 (XXX) of 12 December 1975 and 32/179 of 19 December 1977 on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries,

Taking into consideration the relevant provisions of the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrial Development and Co-operation, which, *inter alia*, recognized the importance of an adequate role for the public sector in the expansion of the industrial development of the developing countries,

Bearing in mind the relevant recommendations and observations of the ESCAP Meeting of Ministers of Industry regarding the important role which the public sector could play in promoting the economic development of the developing countries,

1. *Invites* the Executive Secretary to consult the Secretary-General of the United Nations with a view to identifying possibilities for a regional input into his continuing study of the role of the public sector in the socio-economic development of developing countries;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to take into account the studies which have been initiated within the United Nations system on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries on a regular basis in the secretariat's activities, in accordance with the programme of work and priorities and the medium-term plan and having due regard to the specific national needs and requirements of the countries of the region;

² See para. 307 above.

3. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to submit to the Commission at its thirty-fifth session a report on the implementation of this resolution.

532nd meeting
17 March 1978

182 (XXXIV). Mobilization of resources for the implementation of the programmes of work of the Commission and the regional training and research institutions³

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolution 154 (XXXI) of 6 March 1975 containing the New Delhi Declaration, in which it appealed to the international community and member States of the region to rededicate themselves to, and display the necessary political will for, the attainment of the objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade and the achievement of the objective of growth with social justice,

Reaffirming its resolutions 166 (XXXII) of 31 March 1976 and 175 (XXXIII) of 29 April 1977, in which it urged all members and associate members of the Commission, other donor countries, the United Nations Development Programme and international agencies, foundations and institutions to consider the provision of generous additional or new contributions to the regional training and research institutions,

Appreciative of the contributions made by the United Nations Development Programme to the programmes of work of the Commission and particularly the regional training and research institutions under the auspices of the Commission,

Appreciative also of the generous contributions made by members and associate members from within and outside the region, other donor countries, agencies of the United Nations system and foundations, towards the programmes of work of the Commission and the regional training and research institutions,

Noting the need for budgetary and extrabudgetary resources to carry out decisions taken at various sessions of the Commission,

1. *Invites* members and associate members of the Commission to contribute substantial additional resources for the implementation of the programmes of work of the Commission and the regional training and research institutions;

³ See para. 321 above.

⁴ See paras. 586-597 above.

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, in view of the general support shown by the Commission during the discussion of extrabudgetary assistance and the encouraging response in the announcement of intended contributions by members and associate members, to take the necessary steps, in consultation with the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission, to enable the Commission at future sessions to continue the practice of such announcements along similar lines;

3. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to take measures, in consultation with United Nations Headquarters, to receive and disburse the funds obtained as a result of the announcement of intended contributions by the members and associate members to the work programmes of the Commission and the regional training and research institutions;

4. *Invites* the Executive Secretary to continue efforts to obtain additional contributions from various United Nations agencies, other appropriate organizations, foundations and Governments interested in the economic and social development of countries of the region;

5. *Further invites* the Executive Secretary to submit a report to the Commission at its thirty-fifth session on the implementation of this resolution.

531st meeting
15 March 1978

183 (XXXIV). Strengthening the regional training and research institutions under the auspices of the Commission⁴

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolutions 158 (XXXI) of 6 March 1975 and 166 (XXXII) of 31 March 1976 regarding (a) the establishment of a single intergovernmental governing council of the regional training and research institutions, (b) the designation of the Commission as executing agency for the regional institutions and expediting of the process of delegation of the relevant functions to the Commission and (c) the taking of all necessary steps to improve the current financial situation of these institutions,

Further recalling its resolution 175 (XXXIII) of 29 April 1977, in which it requested (a) the Executive Secretary to take steps to eliminate duplication and overlapping of functions and work programmes between the secretariat and the regional institutions, particularly in respect of training and related research, and (b) the Intergovernmental Governing Council of the Regional Training and Research Institutions to bring about greater integration of the work programmes of