

(e) Taking steps to encourage and facilitate greater involvement of the regional training and research institutions in and for the developing Pacific island countries,

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

532nd meeting
17 March 1978

189 (XXXIV) Mekong Committee¹⁰

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Noting with satisfaction that the Governments of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Kingdom of Thailand and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam have established the Interim Committee for Co-ordination of Investigations of the Lower Mekong Basin to promote the development of the water resources of that basin in order to meet effectively the needs for reconstruction and growing development of Laos and Viet Nam and the growing economic development needs of Thailand,

Recognizing that such regional co-operation would enhance the prospects for peace and stability in the region,

1 *Expresses* the hope that Democratic Kampuchea will soon resume its active participation in the full Mekong Committee,

2 *Endorses* the appeal made by the Interim Committee for support from countries and organizations, particularly the United Nations Development Programme, that wish to assist them in their economic and social advancement by exploiting the enormous potential represented by the water resources of the lower Mekong basin,

3 *Requests* the Executive Secretary to assist the Interim Mekong Committee to the best of his ability with the resources at his disposal

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190 (XXXIV) Support for the Lumbini development project in Nepal¹¹

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recognizing the regional importance of Lumbini as a centre of cultural, religious, historical and touristic importance,

Noting the high priority assigned by the Government of Nepal to the development of the Lumbini-Gandaki zone as an important element in the economic development of the country,

Recalling its resolutions 129 (XXIX) of 21 April 1973 and 147 (XXX) of 4 April 1974, demonstrating the deep interest of the member States in the early implementation of the project,

Also noting that an intergovernmental committee made up of representatives of Afghanistan, Burma, Democratic Kampuchea, India, Indonesia, Japan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand was established in February 1970 to promote the development of Lumbini,

Expressing its appreciation of the interest, assistance and support given to the project to date by the United Nations and the United Nations Development Programme, and the countries of the Asia and Pacific region,

Noting with satisfaction that with the assistance of the United Nations the final master plan and detailed site plans for Lumbini have already been prepared,

Further recognizing that continued United Nations and United Nations Development Programme involvement and support are essential to carry the project to the next stage of implementation,

1 *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to continue to provide their valuable assistance to this regional project,

2 *Further requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations to assign a specific role to the secretariat of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in the context of the Lumbini development project as a regional project,

3 *Appeals* to all member and associate member countries to extend their support to the project with a view to its early implementation,

4 *Calls upon* the Executive Secretary to take the necessary action to assist the project, including an appeal to the Governments of the member and associate member countries for contributions,

5 *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its thirty-fifth session on the implementation of this resolution

531st meeting
15 March 1978

¹⁰ See paras 625-629 above

¹¹ See para 531 above