

Chapter IV

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION AT ITS THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION

**191 (XXXV). Regional training and research
institutions under the auspices of the
Economic and Social Commission
for Asia and the Pacific¹**

*The Economic and Social Commission for Asia
and the Pacific,*

Recalling its resolution 175 (XXXIII) of 29 April 1977, in which it requested the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Governing Council of the Regional Training and Research Institutions, to define clearly the role and responsibilities of the relevant divisions of the secretariat vis-à-vis those institutions in order to eliminate duplication and overlapping of functions and work programmes between the secretariat and the institutions, and also requested the Governing Council to bring about greater integration of the work programmes of those institutions,

Further recalling its resolution 183 (XXXIV) of 15 March 1978, in which it requested the Governing Council to examine the question of the possible restructuring of existing regional training and research institutions in order to achieve reduction of operational costs and the optimum use of resources as well as the goal of assisting member countries,

Taking note of the report of the Governing Council on its second session² and of the report of the secretariat on the implementation of resolution 183 (XXXIV),³

Appreciating the action taken by the Executive Secretary towards the implementation of the directives contained in resolution 183 (XXXIV),

Expressing its appreciation of the achievements of the institutions, their directors and staff, particularly in the face of the financial and manpower constraints within which they have had to operate,

Appreciative of the assistance provided by the United Nations Development Programme towards the implementation of resolution 183 (XXXIV),

Grateful to the members and associate members of the Commission, the host Governments, donor countries, United Nations agencies and foundations for the assistance rendered to the regional training and research institutions,

Also appreciative of the continued contributions to the regional institutions by the United Nations Development Programme,

Recognizing that the achievement of an integrated approach to development problems in the training, research and allied activities of the Commission as well as in optimizing future financial assistance from the United Nations Development Programme and the Governments of members and associate members, as well as from other donor sources, calls for a restructuring of the existing network of regional training and research institutions,

1. *Expresses appreciation* of the initiative of the Executive Secretary and the United Nations Development Programme in appointing the ESCAP/UNDP Task Force on Programme Support for Regional Institutions, particularly with reference to their programmes and their institutional structure;

2. *Endorses* generally the recommendations made by the Governing Council of the Regional Training and Research Institutions at its second session;

3. *Decides* that the Asian and Pacific Development Institute, the Asian and Pacific Development Administration Centre, the Social Welfare and Development Centre for Asia and the Pacific and the Asian and Pacific Centre for Women and Development shall be integrated, and that the integration shall be completed by 1 July 1980 as far as practicable, in accordance with the time-table for preparatory activities annexed to the report of the Task Force,⁴

4. *Further decides* that the integrated institution shall be named the Asian and Pacific Development Centre;

5. *Recommends* that the Centre, in formulating its work programme, should seek functional unity by adopting a fully integrated approach responsive to the priority development needs of the region, drawing fully upon the accumulated experience and expertise of the

¹ See paras. 811-821 above.

² E/ESCAP/130.

³ E/ESCAP/131.

⁴ MTCP/RTRI(2)/1.

Asian and Pacific Development Institute, the Asian and Pacific Development Administration Centre, the Social Welfare and Development Centre for Asia and the Pacific and the Asian and Pacific Centre for Women and Development;

6. *Recommends further* that, in setting up the new Centre, a special organizational identity should be given to the programme area related to issues concerning women and development, and that sufficient emphasis should be given to activities in the field of social welfare and development;

7. *Notes with appreciation* the offers made to host the Asian and Pacific Development Centre;

8. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to hold further consultations with interested Governments on the location of the Centre and to inform members and associate members of the Commission of the results of those consultations;

9. *Empowers* the Governing Council to make a decision on the location of the Centre at its forthcoming session in June-July 1979;

10. *Acknowledges with appreciation* the offer by the Government of Japan to continue to provide the required host facilities and related services to the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific;

11. *Decides* that the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific shall continue to operate as a separate regional institution, paying due regard to the special nature of its functions;

12. *Resolves* that the Asian and Pacific Development Centre shall be an intergovernmental institution with its own charter, under the auspices of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific;

13. *Resolves further* that:

(a) The activities of the Asian and Pacific Development Centre and of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific shall be reviewed by a governing council, consisting of representatives of the host Governments and other members, the number and the terms of office of which are to be specified by the Commission;

(b) Taking into account the possible need for a guiding body for the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific, the Executive Secretary shall be requested to examine this matter further and present his recommendations to the Governing Council of the Regional Training and Research Institutions and the Commission for decision;

(c) The initial members of the proposed governing council shall be elected at the thirty-sixth session of the Commission;

(d) The governing council shall report to the Commission at its regular sessions;

14. *Recommends* to the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme that the Commission be designated as the executing agency of the Asian and Pacific Development Centre;

15. *Resolves* that the term of office of the present members of the Governing Council of the Regional Training and Research Institutions, including the five members whose terms of office expire in 1979, shall be extended until the date on which the members of the new governing council assume office;

16. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to take the necessary steps, in consultation with the directors of the institutions, to implement the recommendations made by the Governing Council at its second session, as approved by the Commission;

17. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to proceed to formulate a charter for the Asian and Pacific Development Centre in consultation with the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs and Governments of members and associate members, and to submit the charter to the Governing Council of the Regional Training and Research Institutions and to the Commission at its thirty-sixth session for consideration;

18. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to pursue action for the preparation of the next project phase of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific in consultation with the host Government, the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, if necessary;

19. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to appoint, from 1 July 1980, in consultation with the Governing Council of the Regional Training and Research Institutions, a director for the Asian and Pacific Development Centre according to the requirements approved by the Governing Council and, in consultation with the director, to appoint other staff as necessary;

20. *Strongly urges* the United Nations Development Programme:

(a) To provide to the new institution adequate institutional support at an appropriate and sufficient level in addition to programme support;

(b) To continue institutional and programme support to the Asian and Pacific Development Institute, the Asian and Pacific Development Administration Centre, the Social Welfare and Development Centre for Asia and the Pacific and the Asian and Pacific Centre for Women and Development until their integration in the Asian and Pacific Development Centre has been effected, to enable them to implement their work programmes for 1979 and 1980;

(c) To continue to provide institutional support to the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific for 1980 and 1981, as already agreed, and also to continue to provide programme support to the Institute;

21. *Appeals* to all Governments of members and associate members of the Commission, other donor countries and interested agencies, foundations and institutions:

(a) To continue to provide timely assistance in cash and kind to the existing regional training and research institutions until their integration in the Asian and Pacific Development Centre to ease their cash-flow difficulties and to enable them to implement their work programmes for 1979 and 1980;

(b) To continue to provide timely assistance in cash and kind to the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific after the other four institutions have been integrated;

(c) To provide generous assistance in cash and kind to the Asian and Pacific Development Centre especially to ensure its successful initial operation;

22. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to consult the Secretary-General of the United Nations with a view to exploring the possibility of providing, out of the regular budget of the United Nations, institutional support to the Asian and Pacific Development Centre, under the auspices of the Commission, in the same manner as in the case of the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning;

23. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its thirty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

544th meeting
14 March 1979

192 (XXXV). Statute of the Regional Mineral Resources Development Centre⁵

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling the recommendation to the secretariat at the Commission's twenty-sixth session that consideration should be given to the establishment of a regional mineral resources development centre,

Recalling further the establishment by the secretariat of the Regional Mineral Resources Development Centre on 24 October 1973,

Considering the agreement at its thirty-first session that an intergovernmental meeting should be convened in 1975 to consider, *inter alia*, the draft Statute of the centre,

Noting the election of the first Governing Council of the Centre at the thirty-fourth session, and the adoption of the draft Statute of the Centre at the first session of the Governing Council, held at Bandung, Indonesia, in September 1978,

Adopts the Statute of the Regional Mineral Resources Development Centre, the text of which is annexed to the present resolution, as a basis for its operations.

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14 March 1979

Annex

Statute of the Regional Mineral Resources Development Centre

Establishment

1. The Centre, established in October 1973 in accordance with a decision of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) at its twenty-ninth session and the Regional Conference on Geology and Mineral Resources Development at the ninth session, shall be entitled "the Regional Mineral Resources Development Centre" (hereinafter referred to as "the Centre").

2. The objective of the Centre is to assist the regional members and associate members of ESCAP, upon their request, in strengthening and increasing the scope and activities of their governmental agencies responsible for geological investigations and mineral resources development.

Functions

3. In pursuance of the objective stated in paragraph 2, the Centre, in co-operation with other bodies as appropriate, shall, as requested by the countries concerned:

(a) Provide the services of experts to assist and advise the governmental agencies and train their counterpart personnel, in various fields of mineral resources exploration and development;

(b) Assist governmental agencies in drawing up programmes and identifying national projects for which assistance might be needed and in preparing requests and arranging for assistance, either from international agencies or from Governments willing to provide assistance on a bilateral basis;

(c) Assess the requirements for training in specialized fields and arrange appropriate facilities and programmes for training, as far as possible within the ESCAP region;

(d) Acquire and disseminate technical data to governmental agencies, and provide assistance in building up systematic national or regional inventories of mineral resources, with a view to computer storage and retrieval where appropriate;

(e) Arrange regional or subregional laboratory facilities for the use of those countries for which the

⁵ See paras. 768-777 above.