

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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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.

acquisition of such facilities, particularly for the more sophisticated processes, could not be justified individually.

4. In carrying out its functions, the Centre will encourage due concern for environmental quality and the development of skills in environmental management.

Governing Council

5. The Centre shall have a Governing Council (hereinafter referred to as "the Council") consisting of a representative of the host member and eight representatives of the other members and associate members of ESCAP elected by the Commission.

Other than the host member, members of the Council shall be elected for a period of three years, but shall be eligible for re-election. The first Council will be elected for the period ending at the Commission session in 1980.

6. The Executive Secretary of ESCAP or his representative, the Co-ordinator of the Centre and, during the period of UNDP financial support to the Centre, the representative of UNDP shall be *ex officio* members of the Council.

7. Governments other than those specified in paragraph 5 above, as well as international and national bodies deemed appropriate by the Council, may be invited to attend its meetings in a consultative capacity.

8. The Council shall be responsible for the over-all management of the operations of the Centre through the Co-ordinator. The Council shall consider and adopt the annual and long-term programme of work of the Centre. The Council shall submit a progress report on the work of the Centre to the Commission at each of its sessions.

9. The Council shall meet at least once a year and shall adopt its own rules of procedure.

Co-ordinator and staff

10. The Centre shall have a Co-ordinator who shall be appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations after consultation with the Council. The first Co-ordinator may be appointed by the Secretary-General before the establishment of the Council for a period of up to two years.

11. The Co-ordinator shall be responsible for the execution of the decisions and directives of the Council, for the preparation of the Centre's draft programme and budget, for the execution of the Centre's work programme and for the general control, direction and management of the affairs of the Centre.

12. The Co-ordinator shall prepare and submit to the Council an annual report on the activities, administration, management and financial status of the Centre.

13. The professional staff will be appointed by the appropriate administrative authorities at United Nations Headquarters upon the recommendation of the Co-ordinator. One of the professional staff may be appointed by the Co-ordinator to act as Deputy Co-ordinator.

Resources of the Centre

14. The financial, staff and physical resources of the Centre shall be derived from contributions made by UNDP, other United Nations bodies and agencies and contributing Governments. Further resources may be derived from intergovernmental or non-governmental organizations and institutions and other sources, as may be deemed appropriate by the Council. Contributions received are to be administered in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules and practices of the United Nations, including those with respect to the establishment and control of trust funds.

15. The financial management of the Centre shall be subject to the Financial Regulations and Rules and other pertinent directives of the United Nations.

16. A separate agreement shall be entered into by the United Nations with the Government of the country providing host facilities.

193 (XXXV). Implementation of General Assembly resolution 32/197 on restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system⁶

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977 and 33/202 of 29 January 1979 on restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system, particularly section IV of the annex to resolution 32/197, relating to structures for regional and interregional co-operation,

Affirming the important role that the Commission fulfils in the United Nations system in facilitating, promoting and expediting the process of the development and socio-economic co-operation of the developing countries in the region,

Noting the confirmation by the General Assembly in its resolution 32/197 of the need for the regional commissions:

(a) To play their role as the main general economic and social development centres within the United Nations system for their respective regions,

(b) To exercise team leadership and responsibility for co-ordination and co-operation at the regional level,

⁶ See paras. 460-461, 830-834 and 851-852 above.