

(c) To provide inputs for the global policy-making processes of the competent United Nations organs, and to participate fully in the implementation of the relevant policy and programme decisions taken by those organs,

(d) To be consulted on the definition of the objectives to be included in the medium-term plan of the United Nations covering fields of interest to them,

(e) To participate actively in operational activities and to be enabled to function expeditiously as executing agencies as appropriate,

(f) To intensify their efforts to strengthen and enlarge regional and subregional co-operation,

(g) To strengthen and, as appropriate, expand arrangements for the exchange of information and experience so as to promote more effective interregional co-operation,

(h) To rationalize their structures, *inter alia*, by streamlining their subsidiary machinery,

Emphasizing the need to strengthen the Commission, particularly through expeditious implementation of the relevant clauses of General Assembly resolution 32/197 and of Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/74 of 4 August 1978 on regional co-operation and development, so that the objectives envisaged in those resolutions are achieved effectively and efficiently,

Considering the slow progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 32/197, in particular section IV of the annex,

Noting the proposals and measures contained particularly in paragraph 93 of the Secretary-General's report to the General Assembly⁷ on restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations to expedite the implementation of General Assembly resolution 32/197, particularly where it relates to the Commission, and to make available adequate budgetary and financial resources, especially through redeployment, in order to strengthen the capability of the Commission;

2. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that arrangements are made and ways and means provided for the implementation of measures included in paragraph 93 of his report;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to identify the tasks which could be assumed by the Commission as a result of restructuring the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system and to indicate the financial and manpower implications of those tasks;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission, to continue efforts towards rationalizing the conference structure of the Commission in order to improve its over-all performance, bearing in mind the issues and proposals mentioned in the present resolution;

5. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to continue his efforts to obtain the required resources for the secretariat and to make the necessary arrangements to strengthen its capability to meet the new challenges posed by the implementation of General Assembly resolution 32/197;

6. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to make every effort to streamline the existing administrative structure of the secretariat so as to minimize the extent of the additional resources required as a result of added responsibilities arising out of decentralization;

7. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to submit a report to the Commission at its thirty-sixth session on the progress made and measures to be adopted in implementation of the present resolution.

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194 (XXXV). Promotion of and support for economic and technical co-operation among developing countries⁸

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, and Commission resolutions 162 (XXXII) of 31 March 1976 on technical co-operation among developing countries and 171 (XXXIII) of 29 April 1977 on economic and technical co-operation among developing ESCAP countries,

Recalling further General Assembly resolutions 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 on the capacity of the United Nations development system, in particular its provisions relating to priority setting, and 3405 (XXX) of 28 November 1975 on new dimensions in technical co-operation, especially its aspects relating to technical co-operation among developing countries, as well as Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/74 of 4 August 1978 on regional co-operation and development,

Recalling also the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation

⁷ A/33/410/Rev.1.

⁸ See paras. 440-454 above.

among Developing Countries, endorsed in General Assembly resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978 on the United Nations Conference on Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries,

Affirming the importance of economic and technical co-operation among developing countries as an instrument for collective self-reliance and for the attainment of the new international economic order,

Recognizing both the primary responsibility of developing countries for such co-operation and the need for supplementary external assistance in addition to present aid flows, especially with respect to least developed, land-locked and developing island countries, as well as the scope for the Commission and other organizations of the United Nations system to intensify efforts to assist such co-operation systematically at the bilateral, subregional, regional and interregional levels,

Stressing the importance of the efforts made so far by its own subsidiary organs and affiliated bodies and by the Executive Secretary to develop and implement the Commission's role as regional focal point and catalyst for the promotion, monitoring and support for implementation of such co-operation, in accordance with the role assigned to it in the Buenos Aires Plan of Action,

1. *Endorses* generally the conclusions and recommendations of the Regional Working Group of Senior Officials Concerned with TCDC in Developing Asian and Pacific Countries;⁹

2. *Urges* its developing members and associate members to participate actively in all forms of co-operation among themselves consistent with their national development objectives, laying due emphasis on:

(a) The intensification of technical co-operation among themselves, *inter alia*, to facilitate economic co-operation;

(b) The development and utilization of networks and other links to facilitate collaborative research among national institutions;

(c) Co-operation in training, the use of expert and consultancy services and the procurement of equipment;

(d) The special needs of least developed, land-locked and developing island countries;

3. *Invites* developed countries to fulfil their roles in support of technical co-operation among developing countries in the Asia and the Pacific region as provided for in the Buenos Aires Plan of Action;

4. *Further invites* developed countries, as well as intergovernmental organizations, institutions and

foundations, including the United Nations Development Programme and other organizations of the United Nations system, in the context of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action, to support economic and technical co-operation among developing countries by providing increased external assistance to supplement, when necessary, the resources contributed for implementing such co-operation activities by the countries participating in them, especially with respect to the least developed, land-locked and developing island countries;

5. *Invites* its developing members and associate members and their institutions to collaborate in the development and operation of a regional information system to promote economic and technical co-operation among developing countries, which should:

(a) Draw as far as possible on existing systems and flows in the region;

(b) Serve as the regional arm of the information referral system for technical co-operation among developing countries operated by the United Nations Development Programme, sharing resources available for that purpose;

(c) Be linked with similar systems in other regions to form an effective interregional network; and also invites developed countries and organizations of the United Nations system to support such efforts;

6. *Calls upon* the Executive Secretary, in co-operation with other organizations of the United Nations system, including the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development as appropriate, to promote and support the implementation of economic and technical co-operation among developing countries by intensifying his efforts to:

(a) Develop, co-ordinate and service the regional information system, rendering technical assistance where appropriate to strengthen its constituent national and inter-country flows as necessary and ensuring appropriate dissemination of relevant data;

(b) Monitor and review on a continuing basis at the regional level progress in such co-operation with which the United Nations system is associated and, where appropriate, collate information on other activities under technical co-operation among developing countries in the Asia and the Pacific region;

(c) Place increasing emphasis on such co-operation in the research and analytical work of the Commission in various sectors, especially in the context of the formulation and review of international development strategies for the 1980s;

(d) Assist developing countries of the region in identifying and exploiting increased opportunities for effective co-operation through:

⁹ E/ESCAP/105, section III.

- (i) The identification and matching of their capabilities and needs, especially with respect to experts and institutions;
- (ii) The preparation of intensified programmes of co-operation as requested by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1978/74;
- (iii) The formulation of inter-country projects on request;
- (iv) The provision of other preparatory assistance;

(e) Assist through appropriate follow-up activities on request the implementation of co-operative activities and projects undertaken by developing countries and subregional economic and other functional groupings;

(f) Collaborate with the other regional commissions and intergovernmental organizations in the formulation and implementation of joint projects to assist co-operation between countries in two or more regions through interregional action programmes;

(g) Attract and channel additional financial and other forms of contributions to assist economic and technical co-operation among developing countries, including resources to facilitate, *inter alia*, the participation of least developed, land-locked and developing island countries, the expansion of fellowships and trainee programmes, and the execution of preparatory and supplementary assistance projects;

7. *Recommends* to the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme that it should take active steps to ensure the involvement of developing countries of each region in determining collectively the priorities for the utilization of the indicative planning figure for their respective region;

8. *Calls upon* the Executive Secretary, in co-operation, where feasible, with the executive secretaries of the other regional commissions, to consult the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, with a view to reviewing present practices for determining the utilization of regional indicative planning figures, in order to involve developing countries of each region in the collective setting, through their respective regional commission, of priorities for this purpose;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations to take urgent steps to provide adequate resources and other support to enable the secretariat of the Commission to undertake the activities effectively and to help to achieve the objectives referred to in the present resolution;

10. *Calls upon* its legislative committees, the Governing Council of the Regional Training and Research Institutions and other intergovernmental bodies under its auspices to:

(a) Place accelerating emphasis on the promotion, implementation and review of economic and technical co-operation among developing countries in their various sectors;

(b) Take the necessary steps to implement Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/74;

11. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its thirty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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195 (XXXV). Mobilization of resources for the implementation of the programme of work of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific¹⁰

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolution 154 (XXXI) of 6 March 1975, 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 growth with social justice,

Further recalling its resolution 182 (XXXIV) of 15 March 1978, in which it invited 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,

Noting the unanimous support indicated by members and associate members at the thirty-fourth session of the Commission for the announcement of intended contributions to the work programme of the Commission and that of the regional training and research institutions,¹¹

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

Appreciative also of the steps taken by the Executive Secretary to make available to the members and associate members detailed information on projects available under the Commission and other documentation relevant to the announcement of intended contributions,

¹⁰ See paras. 455-462 above.

¹¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1978, Supplement No. 8 (E/1978/48-E/ESCAP/97), para. 321.*