

1. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, pursuant to resolution 182 (XXXIV), to take steps to make the practice of the announcement of intended contributions a regular feature of future Commission sessions along the lines adopted at the thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth sessions and to make available to the members and associate members and other donor countries appropriate information to facilitate the announcement of intended contributions;

2. *Requests* the members, associate members and other donor countries to indicate, whenever practicable, the level of their intended contributions for the following calendar year;

3. *Urges* members, associate members and other donor countries, especially the countries of the region and other countries which are in a position to make contributions to the Commission, to contribute generously for the implementation of the work programmes of the Commission and the regional training and research institutions under the auspices of the Commission and, in order to enable the secretariat to implement the work programme expeditiously, to endeavour to make payments of their contributions as early as possible in the calendar year;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to consult the Secretary-General of the United Nations with a view to obtaining additional resources from the United Nations regular budget for the activities of the Commission;

5. *Invites* the Executive Secretary to continue efforts to obtain additional contributions from the United Nations Development Programme and other agencies, international financial institutions, organizations and foundations and other sources of extrabudgetary funds;

6. *Further invites* the Executive Secretary to submit a report to the Commission, at its thirty-sixth session, on progress in the implementation of the present resolution.

*545th meeting
16 March 1979*

196 (XXXV). Role of the co-operative movement in the social and economic development of the developing countries of Asia and the Pacific¹²

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2459 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968 and 3273 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1668 (LII) of 1 June 1972,

¹² See para. 475 above.

Further recalling General Assembly resolutions 31/38 of 30 November 1976 on national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress and 33/47 of 14 December 1978 on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement,

Recalling its resolutions 161 (XXXII) of 31 March 1976 and 172 (XXXIII) of 29 April 1977 on the integrated programme on rural development and 180 (XXXIV) of 17 March 1978 entitled "Economic and social development strategy for the 1980s",

Recognizing that co-operatives play an important role in socio-economic development, in particular, through mobilization and national utilization of human, financial and other resources and through the participation of the population as a whole in the process of development at the local level,

Taking into account the experience of the countries of the region in promoting the co-operative movement,

1. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, in co-operation, if necessary, with relevant United Nations agencies in the region, to prepare for discussion at the thirty-seventh session of the Commission, a report summarizing the experience of member countries in promoting the co-operative movement with reference, in particular, to rural areas and to the participation of women and youth in the co-operative movement and to the role of co-operatives in socio-economic development, as a regional contribution to the report being prepared by the Secretary-General for the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session;

2. *Invites* member countries to submit to the Executive Secretary, if possible before the middle of 1980, reports on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to take into account, in preparing the regional report, the comments and recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session.

*545th meeting
16 March 1979*

197 (XXXV). Role of the public sector in promoting the economic and social development of the developing countries of Asia and the Pacific¹³

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3335 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, 3488 (XXX) of 12

¹³ See para. 506 above.

December 1975, 32/179 of 19 December 1977 and 33/144 of 20 December 1978, Economic and Social Council decision 274 (LXIII) of 4 August 1977 and resolution 1978/60 of 3 August 1978 on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries,

Further recalling its resolutions 180 (XXXIV) of 17 March 1978 entitled "Economic and social development strategy for the 1980s" and 181 (XXXIV) of 17 March 1978 on the role of the public sector in promoting the economic development of developing countries,

Bearing in mind the relevant provisions of the Lima Declaration and Plan of Action on Industrial Development and Co-operation, adopted by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization at its Second General Conference, which, *inter alia*, recognized the importance of ensuring an adequate role for the public sector in the expansion of the industrial development of developing countries,

Taking note of Industrial Development Board resolution 48 (XII) of 26 May 1978 on the role of the public sector in promoting the industrial development of developing countries,

Recalling once again General Assembly resolution 33/144, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, noted with interest the initiatives taken by the Commission in its resolution 181 (XXXIV) and emphasized the need for expanding the exchange of experience regarding the role of the public sector, especially among the developing countries, through a more detailed examination of its different aspects, and recommended that the important role of the public sector should be taken into account in formulating proposals concerning the new international development strategy,

Bearing in mind paragraph 5 of resolution 33/144, in which the General Assembly invited the regional commissions and other organizations concerned within the United Nations system to make a contribution on the basis of their experience in order to assist the Secretary-General in his study of the role of the public sector in promoting the economic and social development of developing countries,

Bearing in mind that every State has the sovereign and inalienable right to choose its economic and social system in accordance with the will of its people without outside interference,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Secretary on the role of the public sector in implementation of Commission resolution 181 (XXXIV);

2. *Invites* the Executive Secretary to take into account the important role of the public sector in the formulation of proposals for the regional input into the new international development strategy for the 1980s;

3. *Invites* members and associate members of the Commission to submit reports to the Executive Secretary on their national experience in the role and development of the public sector with a view to summarizing the results obtained and promoting the exchange of experience in this sphere;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to provide assistance on a continuing basis to the Secretary-General of the United Nations in carrying out the study of the role of the public sector in implementation of General Assembly resolution 33/144 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/60;

5. *Urges* the legislative committees of the Commission to pay due attention to the role of the public sector in their respective areas of competence in the economic and social development of the developing countries of the region;

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

545th meeting
16 March 1979

198 (XXXV). Technical and economic co-operation among developing countries of the region in shipping matters¹⁴

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolution 171 (XXXIII) of 29 April 1977 on economic and technical co-operation among developing ESCAP countries,

Bearing in mind that the developing Asia and the Pacific region is the largest consumer of shipping services among the developing regions of the world,

Considering that the share of developing countries of the region in world demand for shipping services is far larger than their share in total world ship tonnage,

Recognizing that changes in the price and quality of shipping services have a direct effect on the competitiveness of the region's seaborne trade and on balance-of-payments positions, since the region is now, and will continue to be in the foreseeable future, a net importer of shipping services,

Considering also that the value of shipping services utilized by the developing countries of the region contains a particularly large element of liner shipping and that liner freight rates have been increasing steadily, thereby affecting adversely the marketing of goods of established and emerging industries,

¹⁴ See paras. 599-607 above.