

timely reflection of the needs of the region in that process;

6. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to present a full report on the input from the region into the formulation of the new international development strategy to the Commission at its thirty-sixth session;

7. *Decides* to consider this question as a matter of priority at that session.

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200 (XXXV). Organization on human settlements at the regional level¹⁶

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,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 32/162 of 19 December 1977 on institutional arrangements for international co-operation in the field of human settlements, in which, *inter alia*, the General Assembly recommended that the regional commissions should consider the establishment of regional intergovernmental committees on human settlements, comprising all members,

Recalling its resolution 184 (XXXIV) of 15 March 1978 on human settlements,

Noting that in its resolution 32/162 the General Assembly recommended the establishment of regional committees which should be responsible for policy formulation and programming and should report to the Commission on Human Settlements through the regional commissions,

Reiterating the need for a unified and integrated approach to economic and social development, and bearing in mind that most of the problems of human settlements are aspects of social development,

Conscious that the majority of the members and associate members of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific are developing countries, which have serious and immense problems of human settlements,

Convinced of the need to give new impetus to activities for the solution of human settlements problems at the national, regional and global levels, and to improve the mechanism within the Commission for this purpose,

1. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to give further consideration to the implementation of the recommendations in General Assembly resolution 32/162 concerning human settlements organization at the regional level and Commission resolution 184 (XXXIV) on human settlements and to prepare, in consultation with the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission, a comprehensive report on the best organizational set-up for the Commission to implement the above resolutions, including the question of the establishment of a separate intergovernmental committee on human settlements indicating, *inter alia*, the resources required as well as sources from which these could be obtained, for consideration by the Commission at its thirty-sixth session;

2. *Further requests* that in formulating his report the Executive Secretary should take into account General Assembly resolution 32/162, Commission resolution 184 (XXXIV) and the discussions on human settlements at the Commission's thirty-fifth session;

3. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to take into account in his report the need to rationalize the conference structure of the Commission and to submit specific proposals to integrate within any new committee on human settlements all or part of the relevant functions of one or several of the committees existing at present;

4. *Recommends* that, pending finalization of that report, emphasis on human settlements should be consistent with other priorities set by the Commission;

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to examine, in the light of General Assembly resolution 32/162, the adequacy of secretariat arrangements to meet growing requirements in the field of human settlements.

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201 (XXXV). Regional activities on the International Year of the Child, 1979¹⁷

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 31/169 of 21 December 1976, in which the General Assembly proclaimed the year 1979 International Year of the Child, and 32/109 of 15 December 1977, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, reaffirmed that the major focus of the International Year of the Child was at the national level, but that that should be supported by regional and international co-operation,

¹⁶ See paras. 523-528 and 842 above.

¹⁷ See para. 638 above.

Noting that, pursuant to its resolution 187 (XXXIV) of 15 March 1978, the Regional Consultation on the International Year of the Child for Asia and the Pacific was held at Manila from 25 November to 3 December 1978 with the Government of the Philippines providing the necessary host facilities,

Affirming the recommendations of the Regional Consultation that the International Year of the Child should not only be a year of celebration but a spring-board for active advocacy on behalf of children and for continuous and sustained efforts in the 1980s to plan and implement long-term socio-economic programmes for the development of services for and welfare of children in Asia and the Pacific,

1. *Urges* members and associate members of the Commission to continue to participate in the observance of the International Year of the Child through intensification of activities and review, where appropriate, of policies and legislation for the development of services for and welfare of children;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to undertake a review and evaluation of the International Year of the Child activities in the region during 1979 to provide a further basis for the formulation of medium- and long-term programmes at the national and regional levels for the development of services for and welfare of children, and to present a report to the Commission at its thirty-sixth session;

3. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to ensure that the regional contribution to the preparation of the new international development strategy for the third United Nations development decade gives due consideration to aspects of social development relating to basic rights and needs of children;

4. *Recommends* that the relevant United Nations bodies and agencies extend adequate assistance to member and associate member countries of the region, according to their priority needs, in this field.

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