

3. *Calls upon* the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with other organizations of the United Nations system, particularly the United Nations Environment Programme, to promote and support regional co-operation for the formulation of national environmental policies, the execution of programmes and the improvement of legislation in the region;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to identify the environmental dimensions of the sectoral programmes of the Commission in order to ensure co-ordination of environmental activities within the Commission and to promote co-ordination with other agencies;

5. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme to continue and strengthen the Programme's support to the secretariat of the Commission for the effective implementation of its programme in the field of the environment.

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#### 203 (XXXVI). Integration of women in the development process

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

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 3010 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 proclaiming the year 1975 International Women's Year,

*Bearing in mind* General Assembly resolutions 3276 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974 on the World Conference of the International Women's Year and 3342 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974 on women and development, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1959 (LIX) of 28 July 1975 concerning the World Conference of the International Women's Year, as well as other relevant General Assembly and Economic and Social Council resolutions on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development and on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against them,

*Taking note* of the principles of the Declaration of Mexico on the Equality of Women and Their Contribution to Development and Peace, 1975, and the World Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Women's Year, adopted by the World Conference of the International Women's Year, and also the resolutions of the Conference relating to the full integration of women in development,

*Recognizing* that the results of the Conference, in particular the World Plan of Action, indicate that the role of women in the development process must be made an integral part of the global project for the establishment of a new economic order,

*Recalling* its own resolution 157 (XXXI) on a Regional Plan of Action for the Enhancement of the Role of Women in Development,

*Bearing in mind* the special provision on the integration of women in rural development made by the Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development, the relevant recommendations of the Committee on Agricultural Development at its third session, and the resolution on women, science and technology adopted by the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development,

*Recognizing* that women constitute a vast potential force in the process of economic and social change, as well as in the struggle against all forms of exploitation and oppression,

*Emphasizing* that accelerated development requires the real and effective participation of men and women in all areas of national activity and the creation of the necessary conditions for equality of rights, opportunities and responsibilities for men and women,

*Having considered* the report of the Regional Preparatory Conference for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, for the Asia and the Pacific region, held from 5 to 9 November 1979,

1. *Urges* all Governments to implement the recommendations of the Regional Preparatory Conference for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women as early as possible;

#### 2. *Requests* Governments:

(a) To create or strengthen, as appropriate, their national mechanisms, by the allocation of more human, physical and financial resources;

(b) To review laws and regulations which inhibit the effective participation of women in the economic, social and political spheres with a view to taking the necessary remedial measures and to promote such laws and regulations as would facilitate this process;

(c) To earmark an adequate proportion of resources for programmes pertaining to women's development;

3. *Urges* the Secretary-General of the United Nations to augment from the regular budget of the United Nations programme support to the Commission in order that member countries can be effectively assisted in implementing the recommendations of the Commission's Regional Preparatory Conference;

#### 4. *Calls upon* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To strengthen regional programmes and projects for the integration of women;

(b) To promote intergovernmental efforts leading

to technical co-operation among developing countries in the area of the integration of women in development;

5. *Requests* donor countries to provide greater support to the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women in order that work pertaining to the integration of women in development is further enhanced and taken up as a sustained, continuous activity;

6. *Calls upon* the United Nations Development Programme, other United Nations bodies and specialized agencies and international financial institutions, as well as non-governmental organizations:

(a) To assist Governments in the implementation of the recommendations of the Regional Preparatory Conference;

(b) To provide adequate programme support at the country and regional levels for achieving the integration of women in the development process;

(c) To incorporate programmes and activities for women as an integral part of their plans;

(d) To assess the impact on women of the projects financed by them.

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#### **204 (XXXVI). Special measures in favour of the least developed countries**

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

*Reaffirming* its resolution 178 (XXXIII) of 29 April 1977 on special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries,

*Recalling* resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development of 3 June 1979, in which the Conference decided, as one of its priorities, to launch a Comprehensive New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries, in two phases, comprising an Immediate Action Programme (1979-1981) and a Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s,

*Noting* General Assembly resolution 34/210 of 19 December 1979, in which the Assembly endorsed the Comprehensive New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries,

*Noting also* General Assembly resolution 34/203 of 19 December 1979, in which the Assembly decided to convene a United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries in 1981, in order to finalize, adopt and support the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s,

*Noting further* as being of particular importance resolution 5 (III) adopted by the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, at its first session, held at Geneva in February 1980, on the review of progress and implementation under the Immediate Action Programme (1979-1981) and of studies and preparations relating to the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s,

*Emphasizing* the need for a greatly expanded transfer of official development assistance to the least developed countries, in the context of a general increase in official development assistance for all developing countries with a view to realizing the 0.7 per cent target,

*Emphasizing further* that external support should be forthcoming from developed countries, developing countries in a position to do so, multilateral development institutions and other sources,

1. *Urges* its members and associate members and the international donor community, including multilateral agencies, to take urgent necessary steps to implement all provisions, recommendations and commitments made under resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, General Assembly resolutions 34/203 and 34/210 and resolution 5 (III) adopted by the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

2. *Calls upon* the Executive Secretary to extend co-operation, support and contributions to the preparatory work for the Conference, including the convening of a meeting on the least developed countries of the ESCAP region, prior to the Conference;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to review and evaluate the progress in implementing the Immediate Action Programme (1979-1981) at the regional level and the studies and preparations relating to the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s, and to report thereon to the Commission at its thirty-seventh session.

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#### **205 (XXXVI). Role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries**

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

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 33/135 of 19 December 1978 on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries,