

3. The General Council shall, at the appropriate stage, adopt a final declaration stating that on a specified date the Centre shall be deemed dissolved. The declaration shall be communicated by the Chairman of the General Council to the members of the Centre and to the Secretary-General of the United Nations as depositary of this Charter.

Article XVI

Signature, ratification and accession

1. Countries eligible, under article III, to become members of the Centre may become parties to this Charter by:

(a) Signing the Charter without reservations as to ratification, acceptance or approval;

(b) Signing the Charter subject to ratification, acceptance or approval, and, thereafter, depositing instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval;

(c) Acceding to the Charter.

2. This Charter shall be open for signature at the headquarters of ESCAP in Bangkok from to and thereafter at the Headquarters of the United Nations in New York.

3. Instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Article XVII

Associate members of ESCAP

If an associate member of ESCAP is not fully responsible for the conduct of its international relations, it shall when signing, ratifying, approving, accepting or acceding to this Charter present a document issued by the Government of the State responsible for the conduct of the international relations of the associate member confirming that the associate member has authority to be a party to, and to assume rights and obligations under, this Charter.

Article XVIII

Entry into force

1. This Charter shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after five countries eligible under article III to become members of the Centre, including Malaysia, the country in which the headquarters of the Centre shall be, have become parties to this Charter in accordance with article XVI, paragraph 1. It is understood, however, that the Charter shall not enter into force prior to 1 July 1983.

2. For countries signing this Charter under article XVI, paragraph 1 (a), or depositing instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession after

the date of the five signatures, ratifications, acceptances, approvals or accessions required under paragraph 1 of this article for the entry into force of this Charter, this Charter shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after such signature or deposit, provided, however, that such entry into force shall not occur prior to 1 July 1983.

Article XIX

Amendment

1. Any party to this Charter may propose an amendment to this Charter.

2. The proposed amendment shall be considered by the General Council and if approved by a two-thirds majority in the General Council shall enter into force for all parties to this Charter on the thirtieth day after the deposit with the Secretary-General of the United Nations of instruments of acceptance of the proposed amendment by two thirds of the parties to this Charter.

Article XX

Depositary

1. The Secretary-General of the United Nations is hereby designated as the depositary of this Charter.

2. The original text of this Charter shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized to do so by their respective Governments, have signed this Charter, opened for signature at the headquarters of ESCAP in Bangkok on 19....

For (Signature) (Date)
(Name and title)

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216 (XXXVII). Role of the co-operative movement in the social and economic development of the developing countries of Asia and the Pacific⁶

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2459 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968 on the role of the co-operative movement in economic and social develop-

⁶ See paras. 311-314 above.

ment and 31/37 of 30 November 1976 and 33/47 of 14 December 1978 on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement and Economic and Social Council resolution 1668 (LII) of 1 June 1972 on promotion of the co-operative movement during the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Recalling its resolution 196 (XXXV) of 16 March 1979 on the role of the co-operative movement in the social and economic development of the developing countries of Asia and the Pacific,

Desiring to promote the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

Recalling the report of the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development,

Reaffirming that co-operatives play an important role in socio-economic development,

Convinced that exchange of information and experience relating to the co-operative movement among countries plays a vital role in strengthening the co-operatives for the benefit of their members and in overcoming difficulties in the establishment and development of various co-operatives,

Recognizing that in some developing countries agricultural co-operatives are the main tool for realization of an effective integrated programme of rural development at the national level,

1. *Takes note* of the report on the implementation of resolution 196 (XXXV) on the role of the co-operative movement in the social and economic development of the developing countries of Asia and the Pacific and requests the secretariat to submit it as a regional contribution to the report being prepared by the Secretary-General for the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, in response to the requests of members and associate members of the Commission, and in consultation with the United Nations specialized agencies and other institutions involved in the development of co-operatives, to continue work on the role of the co-operative movement in the social and economic development of the developing countries of Asia and the Pacific with a view to facilitating the exchange of experience in this field, paying special attention, *inter alia*, to the following aspects:

(a) Role of co-operatives in over-all social and economic development, particularly of rural areas;

(b) Participation of landless peasants, women and youth in co-operatives;

(c) Role of agricultural co-operatives in introducing modern agro-technical practices (use of agricul-

tural requisites, mechanization, irrigation, agronomic selection etc.);

(d) Potential of co-operatives to increase the material welfare of their members;

(e) Interrelationship between agrarian reform and the co-operative movement;

(f) Development of production co-operatives;

(g) Difficulties faced by countries in the establishment and development of co-operatives and their experience in overcoming them;

3. *Invites* the Executive Secretary, when developing the Commission's programme of work, to take fully into account the need effectively to assist the developing countries of the region which seek such assistance in their efforts to promote co-operatives, especially in rural areas, for the benefit of all strata of the population, where co-operatives present the most appropriate form for helping to achieve the objectives set for the Third United Nations Development Decade;

4. *Invites* the members and associate members of the Commission to give financial and other assistance to the Executive Secretary for his continued work in this field, especially as it relates to the exchange of experience;

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to submit a progress report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Commission at its thirty-ninth session.

570th meeting
19 March 1981

217 (XXXVII). Role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries⁷

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 33/135 of 19 December 1978 and 35/80 of 5 December 1980 on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries,

Taking into account Economic and Social Council resolutions 1979/52 of 2 August 1979 and 1980/63 of 25 July 1980,

Recalling its resolution 205 (XXXVI) of 27 March 1980 on the same subject,

Bearing in mind the relevant provisions of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

⁷ See paras. 655-670 above.