

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.

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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.

1. *Takes note* of the progress report on the implementation of resolution 205 (XXXVI) on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries and generally endorses the recommendations contained therein;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, while intensifying the activities of the Commission in the field of training qualified national personnel through, *inter alia*, effective utilization, and subject to the availability of all forms of assistance provided by members and associate members of the Commission and the United Nations development system, to pay special attention to the priority areas of the activities of the Commission and the needs of the developing countries in the light of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade and General Assembly resolution 35/80;

3. *Recommends* that the Asian and Pacific Development Centre should provide in its programmes for the intensified training of personnel from developing countries, particularly from the least developed, landlocked and island developing countries;

4. *Recommends* that appropriate attention should be given to increasing the national capacities and facilities of the developing countries for the training of qualified national personnel;

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

218 (XXXVII). Impending retirement of J.B.P. Maramis, Executive Secretary of the Commission⁸

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Aware that the thirty-seventh session will be the final session attended by Mr. J.B.P. Maramis in his capacity as Executive Secretary,

Recognizing the untiring and distinguished service which he has rendered in his role as head of the Commission secretariat,

Noting that, during his years of leadership, the Commission has grown substantially in terms of both membership and resources,

Noting with appreciation the innovative changes which he has brought to the work of the Commission, in particular its secretariat and work programme, in an era of rapid social and technological change,

⁸ See para. 847 above.

Noting also with appreciation the inspiration and guidance which he has lent to the establishment of the Asian and Pacific Development Centre,

Acknowledging the support which he has given to the further strengthening of harmonious relations among Asian States,

Acknowledging in particular his personal commitment to fostering a greater role for the Commission in the Pacific subregion and encouraging a greater sense of involvement of the Pacific island countries in the activities of the Commission,

Acknowledging further his contribution to promoting the interests of the least developed, landlocked and developing island countries,

1. *Wishes* to extend a profound tribute to him for his contribution to subregional and regional understanding and co-operation during his years as Executive Secretary;

2. *Expresses* its lasting gratitude for the inestimable assistance which his leadership has given to the economic and social development of the Asia and Pacific region;

3. *Conveys* to the Secretary-General of the United Nations its appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. Maramis in a manner fulfilling all the ideals of the international civil service;

4. *Extends* its sincere wishes for his health and happiness in the years ahead.

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19 March 1981

219 (XXXVII). Expanding and strengthening the functions of the Commission in the context of the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system⁹

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977, in which the General Assembly initiated the process of restructuring of the United Nations system,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 33/202 of 29 January 1979 and 34/206 of 19 December 1979 and Commission resolution 193 (XXXV) of 14 March 1979 on the implementation of resolution 32/197,

Noting with appreciation the progress that has been made in establishing the Interagency Committee

⁹ See paras. 272-282 above.