

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.

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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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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.