

## Chapter IV

### RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION AT ITS THIRTY-EIGHTH SESSION

**220 (XXXVIII). Statute of the Regional Co-ordination  
Centre for Research and Development of  
Coarse Grains, Pulses, Roots and Tuber  
Crops in the Humid Tropics of  
Asia and the Pacific<sup>1</sup>**

*Annex*

**STATUTE OF THE REGIONAL CO-ORDINATION  
CENTRE FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT  
OF COARSE GRAINS, PULSES, ROOTS AND  
TUBER CROPS IN THE HUMID TROPICS  
OF ASIA AND THE PACIFIC**

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

*Recalling* its resolution 174 (XXXIII) of 29 April 1977, in which the Executive Secretary was requested to take the necessary steps for the establishment of a regional co-ordination centre for research and development of coarse grains, pulses, roots and tuber crops in the humid tropics of Asia and the Pacific at an early date,

*Recalling further* the unanimous support given at its thirty-sixth and thirty-seventh sessions to its request for the early establishment and operation of such a centre,

*Noting with satisfaction* the action taken by the Executive Secretary towards the implementation of the directives of the Commission, including the signing of the host country agreement between the Government of Indonesia and the United Nations on 29 April 1981, the appointment of the Director and the establishment of the Centre with effect from 29 April 1981,

*Noting with appreciation* the generous financial and technical support provided by the Governments of Indonesia, Australia, France, Japan, Malaysia, the Netherlands, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics for the implementation of the project,

*Noting also* the endorsement of the draft Statute of the Centre at the fourth session of the Committee on Agricultural Development, held at Bangkok in January 1982,

*Adopts* the Statute of the Regional Co-ordination Centre for Research and Development of Coarse Grains, Pulses, Roots and Tuber Crops in the Humid Tropics of Asia and the Pacific, the text of which is annexed to the present resolution, as a basis for the Centre's operations.

*583rd meeting  
1 April 1982*

*Establishment and status*

1. The Regional Co-ordination Centre for Research and Development of Coarse Grains, Pulses, Roots and Tuber Crops in the Humid Tropics of Asia and the Pacific (hereinafter referred to as "the Centre") established in April 1981 by the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), pursuant to Commission resolution 174 (XXXIII) and the directives given by the Commission at its thirty-sixth and thirty-seventh sessions, shall continue in existence under the terms of this Statute.
2. Membership in the Centre shall be open to all members and associate members of ESCAP.
3. The Centre has the status of a subsidiary body of ESCAP and the staff of the Centre forms part of the Secretariat of the United Nations.

*Objectives and functions*

4. The objective of the Centre is to provide members and associate members of ESCAP with expert technical services and facilities required for the development of production, utilization and trade of CGPRT crops by strengthening national research and development activities as a means of solving food problems, increasing employment opportunities, achieving better income distribution and a balanced diet as well as accelerating close linkages with livestock and other industries. In fulfilling this objective, the Centre will take into consideration the interrelationship of problems and programmes of the humid tropics as well as semi-arid and other areas.

5. In pursuance of the objective stated in paragraph 4, the Centre, in co-operation with other bodies as appropriate, shall, as requested by the countries concerned, have the following functions:

- (a) Provision of assistance for the development of an agricultural co-operative research network;

<sup>1</sup> See paras. 378-382 above.

(b) Preparation of agro-economic studies, including social aspects;

(c) Training of national research and extension workers;

(d) Collection, processing and dissemination of information.

#### ***Structure and headquarters***

6. The Centre shall have a Governing Board, a Director and staff, and a Technical Advisory Committee.

7. The headquarters of the Centre shall be at Bogor, Indonesia.

8. The Financial and Staff Regulations of the United Nations shall apply to the Centre except as may otherwise be provided by the General Assembly. The Financial and Staff Rules and the administrative instructions of the United Nations shall apply to the Centre except as may otherwise be decided by the Secretary-General.

#### ***Governing Board***

9. The Centre shall have a Governing Board (hereinafter referred to as "the Board") consisting of a representative nominated by the host country of the Centre and not less than eight representatives nominated by other members and associate members of ESCAP elected by the Commission. The Director of the Centre shall serve as Secretary of the Board.

10. Other than the representative nominated by the host country of the Centre, the members of the Board shall be elected for a period of three years, but shall be eligible for re-election. The first election of members and associate members to the Governing Board will be held at the Commission session in 1982.

11. Governments other than those specified in paragraph 9 above, as well as international and national bodies deemed appropriate by the Board, may be invited to attend its meetings as observers.

12. The first, and inaugural, regular session of the Board shall be convened by the Executive Secretary of ESCAP as soon as possible after the adoption of the Statute.

13. The Board shall meet at least once a year and shall adopt its own rules of procedure. The Board shall meet in special session whenever a majority of its members requests the Executive Secretary to convene a special session.

14. A quorum for meetings of the Board shall be a majority of its members.

15. Each member of the Board shall have one vote. Decisions of the Board shall be made by consensus or, where this is not possible, by a majority of the members present and voting.

16. The Board shall at each regular session elect a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman. They shall hold office until the next regular session of the Board. The Chairman or, in his absence, the Vice-Chairman shall preside at meetings of the Board.

17. The Board shall review the operations of the Centre and shall consider and adopt the annual and long-term programmes of work of the Centre. The Board shall submit an annual report on the implementation of programmes to the Commission at each of its sessions.

#### ***Director and staff***

18. The Centre shall have a Director who shall be appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations after consultation with the Board for a term of three years. The first Director may be appointed by the Secretary-General before the establishment of the Board for a period of up to two years.

19. The Director shall be responsible to the Executive Secretary of ESCAP for the administration of the Centre and the implementation of its programmes.

20. The Director shall prepare and submit to the Board an annual report on the activities, administration, management and financial status of the Centre.

21. The staff of the Centre shall be appointed by the appropriate United Nations administrative authorities.

#### ***Technical Advisory Committee***

22. The Centre shall have a Technical Advisory Committee (hereinafter referred to as "TAC"), consisting of eminent scientists and experts directly connected with technical aspects, representing various fields of agricultural research. The maximum number of members of TAC shall be 12. The members of TAC shall be appointed by the Director of the Centre in consultation with the Executive Secretary of ESCAP. Representatives of ESCAP, UNDP and FAO shall be *ex officio* members of TAC. Representatives of other national and international research institutes and agencies concerned shall be invited to participate, as necessary.

23. TAC shall be responsible for advising the Director on the formulation of the work programmes and on other technical matters concerning the operations of the Centre.

24. TAC shall meet at least once a year and shall be convened by the Director of the Centre.

25. The Chairman of TAC shall be elected by TAC itself.

#### ***Resources of the Centre***

26. The financial resources of the Centre shall be composed of:

(a) The voluntary contributions of the members and associate members of the Commission;

(b) Funds received from other Governments;

(c) Funds received from international and national institutions;

(d) Moneys received for services furnished by the Centre;

(e) Other funds or moneys received by the Centre.

27. The Centre may also receive contributions of a non-financial nature.

28. The Commission shall at each session review the state of the resources of the Centre, on the basis of the report of the Board, and make such recommendations as it may deem appropriate, to ensure that timely and adequate resources are always available to the Centre and its programmes.

29. The Centre shall be administered on a sound economic and financial basis.

***Relations with other United Nations bodies and specialized agencies and other international institutions***

30. The Centre may establish and maintain such relations as it may deem appropriate with other United Nations bodies and specialized agencies and other international institutions.

**221 (XXXVIII). Asia-Pacific trade expositions<sup>2</sup>**

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

*Reaffirming* its commitment to the promotion of collective self-reliance among the developing countries of the region, consistent with the aims of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, through, *inter alia*, the promotion of international trade and the dissemination and exchange of information on industrial and technological capabilities,

*Recalling* its resolution 61 (XXI) of 25 March 1965 on an Asian International Trade Fair,

*Recalling further* the successful Asian trade fairs held at Bangkok in 1966, Teheran in 1969 and New Delhi in 1972, in which there was wide participation by members and associate members and which contributed significantly to the promotion of regional and interregional trade,

*Recalling also* the decision of the Subgroup for a Network of Trade Promotion Centres of the Trade Co-operation Group that an Asian trade fair would contribute to the promotion of intraregional trade,

*Recognizing* that the holding of international trade fairs and expositions constitutes a practical means of fostering regional economic co-operation and international trade and of disseminating information on trade, industrial and technological capabilities,

*Convinced* that participation in international trade fairs and expositions by all members and associate members will contribute greatly to their success,

1. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to consult interested member countries and relevant international organizations on the possibilities of organizing a trade exposition among member countries of the Commission and of providing assistance for the participation of those member countries of the region which require such assistance;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, in the event of such an exposition being held, to evaluate the benefits to member countries of the region with a view to the Commission's deciding on the question of holding such expositions on a regular basis, as may be convenient and appropriate, at suitable venues within the region;

3. *Urges* individual members and associate members to consider the possibility of hosting such expositions;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its thirty-ninth session on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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1 April 1982

**222 (XXXVIII). Terms of reference of the legislative committees of the Commission<sup>3</sup>**

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

*Recalling* its resolution 210 (XXXVI) of 29 March 1980, in which it, *inter alia*, requested the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission, to adjust or reformulate, as might be necessary, the terms of reference of the legislative committees, in line with the changes in the conference structure of the Commission, to submit the proposed terms of reference to the respective legislative committees for review

<sup>2</sup> See paras. 512-513 above.

<sup>3</sup> See paras. 888-889 above.