

order to ensure co-ordination of environmental activities within the Commission and to promote co-ordination with other agencies,

Recalling its recommendations at its thirty-fifth session on institutional arrangements, commending the decision to establish the Environmental Co-ordinating Unit as an essential initiative in fulfilling the environmental objectives of the Commission,

Bearing in mind its suggestion at its thirty-seventh session that the secretariat's efforts should be continued by ensuring that environmental considerations are taken into account in the activities of the Commission in the priority areas as identified by the Commission at its thirty-fifth session,

Considering the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination of the United Nations on its twenty-first session, on the question of distribution of tasks and responsibilities in the field of the environment between the regional commissions and other United Nations entities,

Taking note of the environmental situation in the region as presented in the Executive Secretary's report to the Commission at its thirty-eighth session,

Recognizing the valuable catalytic role which the United Nations Environment Programme has played in supporting the Environmental Co-ordinating Unit during its time of establishment,

Being aware of the fact that the question of support from the United Nations Environment Programme to the regional commissions on environmental matters vis-à-vis the Programme's Regional Office will be reconsidered by the Governing Council of the Programme at its tenth session, to be held at Nairobi from 20 May to 2 June 1982,

1. *Urges* Governments of its members and associate members to reiterate their support for the activities of the Commission in the field of the environment;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, in the context of the support of the United Nations Environment Programme to the Environmental Co-ordinating Unit, to have consultations as a matter of urgency with the Executive Director of the Programme in order to ensure the continued incorporation of environmental considerations in the activities of the Commission at the existing level;

3. *Calls upon* all Governments of its members and associate members to communicate their views on the need to continue the environmental activities of the Commission at the existing level to the Governing Council of the Programme at its tenth session;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to ensure that three regular budget posts are available for the Environmental Co-ordinating Unit by exploring the possibility of redeploying existing resources within the United Nations or by other possible means and to report to the Commission at its thirty-ninth session on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution.

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225 (XXXVIII). Charter of the Asian and Pacific Development Centre⁶

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolutions 191 (XXXV) of 14 March 1979, 206 (XXXVI) of 27 March 1980 and 215 (XXXVII) of 19 March 1981,

Having received and considered the report of the Executive Secretary on negotiations and consultations undertaken in pursuance of resolution 215 (XXXVII),

Desiring to establish a single integrated regional training and research institution, named the Asian and Pacific Development Centre, in the region,

1. *Adopts* the Charter of the Asian and Pacific Development Centre, the text of which is annexed to the present resolution;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to open the Charter for signature in accordance with article XVI of the Charter;

3. *Urges* the General Council and the Management Board, taking into consideration the value to the Centre of having the host country representative as Chairman of the Management Board for an initial period, to ensure that the representative of the host country of Malaysia becomes its Chairman for a period of three years commencing from the date of the establishment of the Board;

4. *Expresses its hope* for the widest possible adherence to the Charter.

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⁶ See paras. 815-816 above.