

zation, the United Nations Children's Fund and other relevant organizations in pursuance of the Commission's programme on health and society, including the integration of health into the development process;

3. *Invites* the World Health Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund to extend their co-operation to that effect;

4. *Urges* donor countries and multilateral development institutions to maintain, increase or initiate, as the case may be, financial support for the activities of the programme;

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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229 (XXXVIII). Role of a unified approach to development planning in the developing countries of Asia and the Pacific¹⁰

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 3409 (XXX) of 28 November 1975, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, endorsed the application of a unified approach to development analysis and planning in the regional commissions,

Noting General Assembly decisions 32/418 of 8 December 1977 and 34/419 of 29 November 1979 on a unified approach to development analysis and planning,

Bearing in mind the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, particularly the provisions related to a unified approach to economic and social development,

Reaffirming its resolution 213 (XXXVII) of 19 March 1981 on a unified approach to economic and social development and planning, in which, *inter alia*, it invited the Executive Secretary, within the resources available to him, to take the appropriate measures to strengthen the activities of the Development Planning Division, requested him to pay appropriate attention to the need for adequate application of a unified approach to economic and social development in the work of all divisions of the secretariat in order to assist the developing countries of the region effectively in formulating and implementing their national development plans and programmes and urged the members and associate members to co-operate in facilitating an exchange of national experience in the field of economic and social planning,

¹⁰ See paras. 403-404 above.

Taking note of the report on the implementation of resolution 213 (XXXVII),

1. *Calls upon* the Executive Secretary to continue his efforts to pay appropriate attention to a unified approach to economic and social development and planning;

2. *Invites* the Executive Secretary, within the resources available to him, to co-operate with interested member countries at their request to collect information from them on the application of a unified approach to development planning giving full attention to aspects of plan formulation, monitoring and implementation and to synthesize this information for distribution;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its fortieth session on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution.

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230 (XXXVIII). Transport and communications decade for Asia and the Pacific¹¹

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980 containing the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, in particular the development objectives for the transport and communications sectors contained in the Strategy, namely, that "the physical and institutional infrastructure in developing countries should be expanded at rates that fully support the rate of expansion of the economy as a whole, and adequate financial and technical resources should be provided for that purpose",

Recalling also the proposal made by the sixth Meeting of Top Railway Executives in Asia and the Middle East that the decade 1982-1992 be declared the "Asian Railway Decade", the recommendation of the Regional Conference-cum-Seminar on Development and Management of Telecommunications in Asia and the Pacific, held at Bangkok in January 1982, that a "Transport and Communications Development Decade for Asia and the Pacific" be declared and the recommendation of the Committee on Shipping, and Transport and Communications (Transport, Communications and Tourism Wing) at its fifth session that the Third United Nations Development Decade be proclaimed as "Transport Decade for Asia and the Pacific",

Noting with appreciation the continuing co-operation of other bodies, in particular the International

¹¹ See paras. 666-667 above.

Telecommunication Union, the International Civil Aviation Organization, the Universal Postal Union, the International Labour Organisation, the World Tourism Organization, the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity, the Asian-Pacific Postal Union and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in the development of an integrated and co-ordinated regional transport and communications network in Asia and the Pacific, particularly the progress made in the development of the Asian Highway and the Trans-Asian Railway network,

Convinced of the critical role of transport as an enabling element in economic development and the crucial importance, therefore, of transport infrastructure growing in a manner commensurate with the anticipated growth of various sectors of the economy generating the demand for transport, as well as the importance of communications in modernizing transport and other sectors of the economy,

Noting the extremely difficult position as regards the availability of liquid fuel and the fact that the transport sector is one of the largest consumers of such energy, and the need to strengthen intraregional and

interregional co-operation and co-ordination in research, planning and the establishment of transport and communications systems and services,

Having due regard to the need for and importance of integrated and balanced development of transport and communications in Asia and the Pacific, and taking into account the measures set forth in the International Development Strategy,

1. *Invites* the Executive Secretary to consult the member countries of the region, in order to enable them to make a thorough assessment of the proposal for the proclamation of a transport and communications decade for Asia and the Pacific during the period 1985-1994 in the light of its practical desirability and the probability of real results, and to bring this proposal to the attention of the Economic and Social Council;

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

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