

Chapter IV

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION AT ITS THIRTY-NINTH SESSION

231 (XXXIX). Strengthening regional co-operation on programmes for youth development¹

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recognizing the contribution of youth to national and international development efforts and to the promotion of peace and co-operation,

Recognizing further the objectives of the International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace in focusing attention on the situation of youth,

Noting that members and associate members of the Asian and Pacific region have programmes and services for youth development which could be shared with other countries in the region in order to facilitate the enrichment of national and regional programmes and services for youth,

Recalling the recommendations of the Regional *Ad Hoc* Advisory Group Meeting on Youth Problems and Programmes, sponsored by the Commission in 1979, on the need to promote programmes of mutual assistance,

Noting that the Commission has been conducting regional youth programmes and assisting national youth programmes effectively,

1. *Appeals* to Governments of members and associate members to ensure that youth enjoy the right of full participation in national development and are thus accorded the benefits accruing from such participation;

2. *Recommends* that the Executive Secretary should assist, within existing resources, Governments of members and associate members which seek assistance for participation in the planning, implementation and evaluation of exchange, field study and attachment programmes for youth workers and leaders at all levels within their national priorities, to achieve the following objectives:

(a) Increasing understanding and awareness of the situation of youth and their special needs so as to maximize their contribution to and participation in national development;

(b) Promoting programme activities to nurture and enhance the potential of youth for rural and urban community work;

(c) Developing initiative and self-reliance at the local and national levels in organizing and undertaking youth programmes;

(d) Encouraging greater involvement and participation of youth leaders in planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluating youth programmes and projects;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to continue his efforts in providing technical assistance and support to facilitate the conduct of activities and projects bilaterally or multilaterally in accordance with the above objectives.

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232 (XXXIX). Social aspects of rural development²

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969,

Recalling also the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, particularly that part of it related to social development, contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980,

Recalling further the main conclusions and specific recommendations of the Second Asian and Pacific Ministerial Conference on Social Welfare and Social Development related to integrated social development,

Reaffirming that the social aspects and goals of development form an integral part of the overall development process,

Stressing the need to implement comprehensive rural development programmes in order to raise the standard of living of rural populations,

¹ See paras. 711-717 above.

² See para. 698 above.