

Chapter IV

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION AT ITS FORTIETH SESSION

235 (XL). Tokyo Programme on Technology for Development in Asia and the Pacific¹

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

Recalling General Assembly resolution 34/218
of 19 December 1979 on the United Nations Conference
on Science and Technology for Development,

Recognizing the need for a more purposeful and
accelerated practical implementation of the Vienna
Programme of Action on Science and Technology for
Development adopted by the United Nations Con-
ference on Science and Technology for Development
held in 1979,

Recalling also all the relevant sections of the
International Development Strategy for the Third
United Nations Development Decade, contained in
the annex to General Assembly resolution 35/56 of
5 December 1980,

Expressing its appreciation of the study on techno-
logy for development, compiled by the secretariat of
the Commission, which provides the basis for discussions
on the potential framework for regional co-operative
activities concerning technology for development,

Appreciating the contribution made by the Advi-
sory Committee of Permanent Representatives and
Other Representatives Designated by Members of the
Commission, the High-level Expert Group Meeting
on Technology for Development and the relevant
organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations
system in formulating the ESCAP Plan of Action on
Technology for Development,

Noting with satisfaction the ESCAP Plan of
Action on Technology for Development agreed to by
the Intergovernmental Meeting on Technology for
Development on 3 February 1984,

Recognizing the need for member countries to
share experiences in technology for their social and
economic development,

1. *Adopts* the ESCAP Plan of Action on Techno-
logy for Development as a guideline for further

activating technology-related activities in the Asian
and Pacific region in order to accelerate the socio-
economic development of the members and associate
members of the Commission;

2. *Invites* Governments in the region to con-
sider undertaking specific projects in technology at
the national and subregional levels as an integral part
of their respective social and economic development
programmes on the basis of the ESCAP Plan of Action;

3. *Calls upon* the Governments of developing
countries in the region to enhance co-operation among
themselves and with developed countries to strengthen
the national technological capabilities of the developing
countries;

4. *Requests* all member countries as well as other
interested countries to support the implementation
of the ESCAP Plan of Action through the provision of
financial and/or other assistance for the implementation
of specific regional co-operative projects in consulta-
tion with and for the mutual benefit of the countries
in the region;

5. *Urges* the organs, organizations and bodies
of the United Nations system, within the scope of their
capabilities, to support and participate effectively in
the implementation of specific activities on technology
for development in the Asian and Pacific region;

6. *Invites* the United Nations Development
Programme to enhance its involvement in technology-
related activities in the Asian and Pacific region through
adequate financial support to regional projects and
regional institutions in the ESCAP Plan of Action on
Technology for Development;

7. *Calls upon* all intergovernmental organizations
and institutions concerned with technology for develop-
ment to extend their co-operation in the implementation
of the ESCAP Plan of Action;

8. *Decides* that a review of the implementation
of the ESCAP Plan of Action shall be included in the
agenda of the next session of the Committee on Indus-
try, Technology, Human Settlements and the Environ-
ment and of the Commission at its forty-first session;

¹ See paras. 348-385 above.

9. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to:

(a) Assure the integration of actions proposed on the basis of the ESCAP Plan of Action into the regular work programme and medium- and long-term planning of ESCAP;

(b) Prepare specific and detailed project documents, on the basis of the report of the Commission on its fortieth session, utilizing the innovative approaches for enhancing co-operative regional activities envisaged in the ESCAP Plan of Action;

(c) Give special attention, after due consultations with interested countries, to the preparation of projects to establish co-operative and/or tripartite activities in:

(i) Research, development and demonstration projects in selected areas of technology;

(ii) Efforts to identify technological needs, capabilities and levels of technological development in the relevant areas aiming at the publication of a technology atlas, as feasible;

(iii) Finding practical ways of sharing information;

(iv) Promotion of regional co-operative activities for the creation of a favourable technological climate;

(v) Initiating measures for the technological development of the least developed, land-locked and island developing countries;

(d) Enhance the effectiveness of the secretariat in incorporating technological considerations in the work programme and intensify the activities of the established regional institutions in the sphere of technology in order to implement effectively the ongoing and new activities within clearly defined work and action programmes;

(e) Initiate contact with relevant agencies and dialogue with developed countries with a view to obtaining their support and commitment for the implementation of specific projects;

(f) Initiate, after appropriate preparations and consultations, the implementation of the specific projects during the period 1984-1985 within the available budget and extrabudgetary resources;

(g) Prepare a progress report to be presented to the Committee on Industry, Technology, Human Settlements and the Environment at its next session and a report to be presented to the Commission at its forty-first session on the measures taken, progress made and activities envisaged in the implementation of the ESCAP Plan of Action on Technology for Development and their incorporation in the regular work programme and medium- and long-term planning of ESCAP.

614th meeting
27 April 1984

236 (XL). Proclamation of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific, 1985-1994²

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling the annex to 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 paragraph 30 of the Strategy,

Recalling also the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries adopted unanimously by the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries and endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 36/194 of 17 December 1981, in particular the section relevant to the improvement of the transport and communication infrastructure,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/69 of 29 July 1983 regarding a transport and communications decade in Asia and the Pacific during the period 1985-1994,

Recalling further Commission resolutions 230 (XXXVIII) of 1 April 1982 and 234 (XXXIX) of 29 April 1983 on a transport and communications decade for Asia and the Pacific, 1985-1994,

Taking note of the findings and recommendation of the *Ad Hoc* Intergovernmental Group Meeting in Preparation for a Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific, 1985-1994, and in particular its formulation of a phased programme of action for the proposed decade,

Recognizing the need for an integrated approach to the planning of transport and communications development, and taking into account the positive contribution which the proclamation of a transport and communications decade for Asia and the Pacific, 1985-1994, could make towards the mobilization of support for such an approach,

Noting that the Executive Secretary does not propose to seek additional regular budgetary resources in the course of the biennium 1984-1985 in order to implement the programme of action for the decade,

1. *Proclaims* the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific, 1985-1994, such proclamation to be known as the "Tokyo Proclamation", with a view to:

(a) Raising the transport and communications infrastructural facilities of developing member coun-

² See paras. 829-843 above.