

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.

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236 (XL). Proclamation of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific, 1985-1994<sup>2</sup>

*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-

<sup>2</sup> See paras. 829-843 above.

tries to a level commensurate with their development objectives and priorities, giving particular attention to the special needs of the least developed, land-locked and island developing countries of the region;

(b) Identifying systematically and in a comprehensive manner the problems of transport and communications in the region and working out feasible solutions;

(c) Promoting a more effective and efficient transport and communications network comprising all modes and means in an integrated way, in particular for development of intraregional and interregional transport and communications linkages as well as in the fields of the maintenance and co-ordination of networks, tariff setting and physical planning;

(d) Encouraging effective co-ordination and co-operation in the field of transport and communications in the region;

2. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council to endorse this Proclamation and to encourage relevant international organizations to provide appropriate support at the global level;

3. *Calls upon* the Executive Secretary to assist, from available resources, both budgetary and extra-budgetary, member and associate member Governments in their preparation of a practical and integrated programme of action for the Decade at the country level and to mobilize the necessary international support for the successful implementation of the programmes for the Decade;

4. *Further calls upon* the Executive Secretary to promote intergovernmental and interagency co-ordination at the regional and subregional levels;

5. *Invites* the Governments of the developing members and associate members to designate appropriate mechanisms to co-ordinate their national programme with the regional programme of action for the Decade, consistent with their development needs and objectives;

6. *Urges* the United Nations Development Programme and other international bodies and agencies to contribute effectively to the implementation of the regional action programme for the Decade;

7. *Invites* all Governments, in particular those of the developed countries and others in a position to do so, to contribute and participate effectively in the implementation of the regional action programme for achieving the objectives of the Decade;

8. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its forty-first session on the progress made in implementation of the programmes for the Decade.

## 237 (XL). The Commission's activities in the Pacific<sup>3</sup>

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

*Recalling* its resolutions 173 (XXXIII) of 29 April 1977 on increased participation by the developing island countries of the Pacific in the Commission's activities and 188 (XXXIV) of 17 March 1978 and 208 (XXXVI) of 29 March 1980 on the Commission's activities in the Pacific,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolution 3338 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, in which the General Assembly, *inter alia*, invited the executive heads of the organizations concerned within the United Nations system to intensify their efforts with respect to developing island countries within their fields of competence,

*Recalling further* resolution 98 (IV) of 31 May 1976 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the least developed among the developing countries, developing island countries and developing land-locked countries, and resolution 111 (V) of 3 June 1979 of the Conference on specific action related to the particular needs and problems of island developing countries,

*Reaffirming* the desire of the developing Pacific island countries to participate effectively in the affairs of the Commission as a whole,

*Noting* the wish of certain Pacific developing island countries to be included in the United Nations' list of least developed countries,

*Bearing in mind* the limited resources and special geographic problems of island developing countries which work against the development of such countries,

1. *Expresses appreciation of* the efforts made by the Executive Secretary to increase the effectiveness of the Commission's role in the economic and social development of the developing Pacific island countries;

2. *Commends* the establishment and progress of the ESCAP Pacific Liaison Office as a positive step in the Commission's activities in the Pacific subregion;

3. *Welcomes* the decision to merge the offices of the ESCAP Pacific Liaison Office and the United Nations Development Advisory Team for the Pacific and to base the new office which will be called the ESCAP Pacific Operations Centre, in Vanuatu;

4. *Expresses* its appreciation to the Governments of Nauru and Fiji of their generous contributions made over many years as host countries of these offices;

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<sup>3</sup> See paras. 769-785 above.