

## Chapter IV

### RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION AT ITS FORTY-FIRST SESSION

#### 240 (XLI). Observance of the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations<sup>1</sup>

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

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 39/161  
of 17 December 1984 on observance of the fortieth  
anniversary of the United Nations,

*Recognizing* that the fortieth anniversary of the  
United Nations constitutes a unique opportunity for  
Member States to reaffirm their commitment to the  
purposes and principles of the Charter of the United  
Nations,

*Taking note* of the recommendation of the Eco-  
nomic and Social Council in its resolution 1984/82 of  
27 July 1984 on the fortieth anniversary of the United  
Nations in 1985 that the regional commissions take full  
cognizance of the fortieth anniversary of the United  
Nations and participate actively in its observance,

*Expressing the hope* that the fortieth anniversary  
of the United Nations would mark the beginning of an  
era of peace and prosperity for all nations,

1. *Calls upon* the members and associate mem-  
bers of the Commission to undertake activities aimed at  
the successful observance of the fortieth anniversary of  
the United Nations;

2. *Invites* the Executive Secretary to ensure,  
through the United Nations Information Services in the  
secretariat, dissemination of appropriate information  
concerning the commemoration of the fortieth anni-  
versary;

3. *Further invites* the Executive Secretary to  
take relevant steps within the secretariat to co-ordinate  
the activities of the Commission with respect to the  
fortieth anniversary of the United Nations.

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29 March 1985

#### 241 (XLI). Science and technology policy, planning and management for the promotion of economic and social development<sup>2</sup>

*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,

*Recalling also* 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, particularly  
paragraph 121,

*Keeping in mind* the urgent need for the imple-  
mentation of the ESCAP Plan of Action on Technology  
for Development adopted by the Commission under  
the terms of its resolution 235 (XL) of 27 April 1984,

*Recognizing* the important role of science and  
technology policy, planning and management in  
strengthening the overall technological capabilities  
of the developing countries,

*Taking into consideration* the special features  
and requirements of the developing members and  
associate members of the Commission in the Asian  
and Pacific region, particularly the least developed,  
land-locked and island countries,

*Recognizing also* the need for members and  
associate members to share experiences and to carry  
out co-operative activities in the field of science and  
technology policy, planning and management,

1. *Invites* the developing members and associate  
members of the Commission to pay special attention  
to the important role of science and technology policy,  
planning and management in their economic and social  
development programmes;

2. *Calls upon* members and associate members  
of the Commission to improve and strengthen their  
existing national institutes and centres for science and  
technology and to consider making them available,

<sup>1</sup> See paras. 876-883 above.

<sup>2</sup> See paras. 346-371 above.

as appropriate, to the benefit of other members and associate members;

3. *Urges* developed members of the Commission and the relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to accord priority consideration to the efforts of the developing members and associate members to enhance the effectiveness of their technological capabilities;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to continue his efforts to provide technical assistance and support to the science and technology activities of members and associate members of the Commission;

5. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to adopt effective measures to facilitate the exchange of experience and co-operation among members and associate members in the field of science and technology policy, planning and management, and *inter alia*:

(a) To organize rotating seminar-cum-study tours in this field through the relevant divisions of the secretariat and relevant regional institutions;

(b) To convene in 1986 a regional seminar on science and technology policy, planning and management;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the heads of the relevant agencies of the United Nations system to render support and assistance to these measures and activities within available resources;

7. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its forty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution.

630th meeting  
29 March 1985

#### **242 (XLI). Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries<sup>3</sup>**

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

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

*Reaffirming* the provisions of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations

Development Decade concerning the least developed countries,<sup>4</sup>

*Recalling* resolution 142 (VI) of 2 July 1983 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on progress in the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolutions 37/224 of 20 December 1982, 38/195 of 20 December 1983 and 39/174 of 17 December 1984 on the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action,

*Recalling further* Commission resolution 233 (XXXIX) of 28 April 1983 on the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action,

*Recognizing* that the mid-term global review of the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action will provide an opportunity for the international community to consider ways and means of enhancing the implementation of the Programme during the rest of the 1980s and adjusting it, as appropriate, in the second half of the decade of the 1980s,

*Noting* that a mid-term global review of progress towards the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action will be undertaken from 30 September to 11 October 1985,

*Recalling* that the High-level Meeting prior to the Mid-term Global Review of the Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries was convened by the Commission at Bangkok from 28 to 31 January 1985,

*Expressing serious concern* at the generally deteriorating economic and social conditions in the least developed countries in spite of their national efforts at development, as well as efforts made by the international community, since the adoption of the Substantial New Programme of Action, and stressing the increased and immediate need for further support measures in order to strengthen national efforts for self-reliance so that the objectives of the Programme could be fully realized,

1. *Notes* the report<sup>5</sup> of the High-level Meeting prior to the Mid-term Global Review of the Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries directed towards accelerated implementation of the Programme in the second half of the decade;

2. *Urges* developed countries, and developing countries in a position to do so, the relevant

<sup>4</sup> See General Assembly resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, annex, section K.

<sup>5</sup> E/ESCAP/464 and Corr.1.

<sup>3</sup> See paras. 335-345 above.