

organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations to make every effort to take all necessary steps toward full implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action;

3. *Invites* the World Bank, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the United Nations Development Programme, the Asian Development Bank, the Islamic Development Bank, as well as other funding agencies to provide, as far as possible, within the framework of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, increased financial and technical assistance to the least developed countries of the Asian and Pacific region to enable those countries to implement their plans and programmes in the context of the Substantial New Programme of Action;

4. *Calls upon* the Executive Secretary to transmit the report of the High-level Meeting to the mid-term global review meeting;

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to adopt effective measures, to be reflected in the work programme of the Commission, in support of the least developed countries of the region in their efforts towards the achievement of self-sustained development within the framework of the Substantial New Programme of Action;

6. *Calls upon* the Executive Secretary to undertake regular review and monitoring of the progress in the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action in order to ensure the full implementation of the Programme with respect to the least developed countries of the Asian and Pacific region;

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

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29 March 1985

243 (XLI). Statute of the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology⁶

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolution 159 (XXXI) of 6 March 1975, in which the Executive Secretary was requested to appoint a group of regional experts to make a feasibility study of the proposal to establish a centre for technology transfer in India, and to prepare a comprehensive project report for decision by the Commission at its thirty-second session,

Recalling further its resolution 164 (XXXII) of 31 March 1976, in which the Executive Secretary was requested to take all necessary steps for the establishment of the centre,

Recalling also the unanimous support given to the Regional Centre for Technology Transfer at all the subsequent sessions of the Commission,

Noting with satisfaction that the Centre was inaugurated on 16 July 1977 and had continued to expand its activities in the field of technology transfer,

Noting with appreciation the generous financial and technical support provided by the Governments of Australia, Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Nepal, the Netherlands, Pakistan, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka and Thailand, the multilateral agencies, the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development for the implementation of the project,

Noting also the endorsement of the draft statute of the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology by the Committee on Industry, Technology, Human Settlements and the Environment at its eighth session held at Bangkok from 11 to 17 September 1984,

Recalling again the decision made at its fortieth session to consider adoption of the draft statute of the Centre at its forty-first session,

Taking into account the views expressed during its forty-first session regarding the location of the Centre and requesting the host country to further consider the matter,

Adopts the Statute of the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology, the text of which is annexed to the present resolution, as the basis for the Centre's operations.

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29 March 1985

Annex

STATUTE OF THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC CENTRE FOR TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY

Establishment

1. The Regional Centre for Technology Transfer inaugurated on 16 July 1977, pursuant to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) resolutions 159 (XXXI) and 164 (XXXII), shall continue in existence under the title "Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology" (hereinafter referred to as "the Centre") and under the terms of this Statute.

⁶ See paras. 925-941 above.

Objectives and functions

2. The objectives of the Centre are to assist the members and associate members of ESCAP through strengthening their capabilities to develop, transfer, adapt and apply technology; improve the terms of transfer of technology; and identify and promote the development and transfer of technologies relevant to the region.

3. In pursuance of the objective stated in paragraph 2, the Centre shall have the following functions:

(a) To promote the establishment and strengthening of appropriate national institutions concerned with technology policy, planning, development, identification and transfer, and to provide assistance for organizing and strengthening networks of such national institutions;

(b) To provide assistance to member countries in identifying their technological needs, in evaluating and selecting technology, in negotiating technology agreements and in the unpackaging and absorption of technology;

(c) To promote regional and interregional cooperation in technology development and transfer.

4. In pursuance of the functions stated in paragraph 3, the Centre shall:

(a) Collect, analyse and disseminate information on technologies;

(b) Organize the exchange of relevant information and experience, including the organization of networks of appropriate institutions engaged in specific technologies or specific aspects of a technology;

(c) Organize training for appropriate personnel engaged in the development and transfer of technologies;

(d) Provide consultancy and advisory services.

Status and organization

5. The Centre is a subsidiary body of ESCAP and is subject to the financial and staff regulations and rules of the United Nations.

6. The Centre shall have a Governing Board, a Director and staff, and a Technical Advisory Committee.

7. The headquarters of the Centre shall be in India.

8. A host country Agreement with respect to the Centre shall be concluded between the Government of the country in which the headquarters of the Centre is located and the United Nations.

Governing Board

9. The Centre shall have a Governing Board (hereinafter referred to as "the Board") consisting of a representative designated by the Government of the host country and eight representatives nominated by other members or associate members of ESCAP and elected by the Commission.

The eight representatives to be elected by the Commission shall be elected for a period of three years but shall be eligible for re-election. The first such election shall be held at the Commission session in 1985.

10. The Director of the Centre shall serve as Secretary of the Board.

11. If an elected member of the Board is unable to serve for the full term for which he/she has been elected, the vacancy shall be filled by the Government of the country of the representative who is unable to complete his/her full term of office.

12. Governments not members of the Board, ESCAP and other appropriate United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, such other organizations as the Board may deem appropriate and experts in fields of interest to the Board may be invited to attend meetings of the Board as observers without the right to vote.

13. The first, and inaugural, regular session of the Board shall be convened by the Executive Secretary of ESCAP as soon as possible after the adoption of the Statute.

14. The Board shall meet at least once a year and shall adopt its own rules of procedure. The Board shall meet in special session whenever a majority of its members requests the Executive Secretary to convene a special session.

15. A quorum for meetings of the Board shall be a majority of its members.

16. Each member of the Board shall have one vote. Decisions of the Board shall be made by consensus or, where this is not possible, by a majority of the members present and voting.

17. The Board shall, at each regular session, elect a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman. They shall hold office until the next regular session of the Board. The Chairman or, in his absence, the Vice-Chairman shall preside at meetings of the Board.

18. The Board shall review and appraise the activities of the Centre and the extent of the financial resources available to the Centre. It shall approve annual and long-term programmes of work for the Centre, and evaluate the implementation of such programmes.

19. The Board shall submit an annual report to the Commission, to be considered at the annual session

of the Commission, on the activities of the Centre, the financial resources available to the Centre and the present and proposed programmes of work of the Centre.

Director and Staff

20. The Centre shall have a Director and staff to be appointed under the appropriate United Nations regulations, rules and administrative issuances. The appointment of the Director will be made after consultation with the Board.

21. The Director shall be responsible to the Executive Secretary of ESCAP for the administration of the Centre and for the day-to-day implementation of its work programmes as approved by the Board.

22. The Director shall prepare and submit to the Board an annual report on the administration and financial status of the Centre and the implementation of its programmes.

Technical Advisory Committee

23. The Centre shall have a Technical Advisory Committee (hereinafter referred to as "TAC"), consisting of technical experts designated by each Government member and associate member of ESCAP and representatives of ESCAP, UNESCO, UNCTAD, UNIDO, UNCSTD, UNDP and UNFSSD.

24. Representatives of other national and international institutions and of other agencies concerned with technology development and transfer and such other persons as the Board may deem appropriate may also be invited to participate, as necessary.

25. TAC shall be responsible for advising the Director on the formulation of the work programmes and on other technical matters concerning the operations of the Centre.

26. Reports of the meetings of TAC, with the Director's observations with respect thereto, shall be submitted at the immediately following meeting of the Board.

27. TAC shall meet at least once a year and shall be convened by the Director of the Centre.

28. The Chairman of TAC shall be elected by TAC itself at each meeting.

Resources of the Centre

29. The financial resources of the Centre shall be composed of:

(a) The voluntary contributions of the members and associate members of the Commission;

(b) Funds received from other Governments;

(c) Funds received from international and national institutions;

(d) Moneys received from the sale of publications and for services furnished by the Centre;

(e) Other funds or moneys received by the Centre, as considered appropriate by the Board.

30. A trust fund shall be established, under the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, for the receipt and administration of such financial resources.

31. The Centre may also receive contributions of a non-financial nature.

32. The Commission shall at each session review the state of the resources of the Centre, on the basis of the report of the Board, and make such recommendations as it may deem appropriate, to ensure that timely and adequate resources are always available to the Centre and its programmes and that a balance between resources and expenditures is maintained.

33. The Centre shall be administered on a sound economic and financial basis.

Relations with other United Nations bodies and specialized agencies and other international institutions

34. The Centre may establish and maintain such relations as it may deem appropriate with other United Nations bodies and specialized agencies and other international institutions.

244 (XLI). The Commission's activities in the Pacific⁷

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolution 237 (XL) of 29 April 1984 on the Commission's activities in the Pacific,

Noting the wish of developing Pacific island countries to participate fully in the work of the Commission,

1. *Expresses* its appreciation of the efforts made by the Executive Secretary to increase the effectiveness of the Commission's representation and activities in the Pacific subregion;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to take measures to implement resolution 237 (XL) further;

3. *Calls upon* the Executive Secretary to take steps, within the programme planning and budgeting cycle of the United Nations, to incorporate a new subprogramme on "Special measures in favour of island

⁷ See paras. 884-898 above.