

developing countries" within the programme on development issues and policies;

4. *Further calls upon* the Executive Secretary to:

(a) Make better known to Pacific island countries the services that can be or are offered by the Commission;

(b) Assist Pacific island countries to make better use of the services of other multilateral organizations by identifying the avenues of assistance which are available to them;

(c) Ensure that the ESCAP Pacific Operations Centre is in a position to provide assistance to Pacific island countries in drafting project proposals for presentation to such organizations;

5. *Urges* the Executive Secretary, as a means of solving the problem of lack of representation of Pacific island countries at the sessions of the legislative committees of the Commission, to direct the ESCAP Pacific Operations Centre, in close consultation with Pacific island countries, to consider the creation of a properly balanced intersectoral programme of assistance to be submitted for consideration to the Pacific Task Force;

6. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to ensure that training programmes, short-term attachments, under schemes of technical and economic co-operation among developing countries, and other human resource development activities are made integral parts of the programme of work of the Commission in the Pacific subregion and that, wherever possible, the assignment of short- or long-term advisers to the subregion is complemented with carefully prepared and agreed training programmes and seminars for Pacific island nationals;

7. *Calls upon* the Executive Secretary to ensure that due consideration is given to the special transport and communications problems of the island countries when planning activities in connection with the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific, 1985-1994.

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245 (XLI). Mobilization of resources for the promotion of and support for technical and economic co-operation activities among developing countries⁸

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

⁸ See paras. 858-870 above.

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 39/216 of 18 December 1984 on activities of the United Nations system in support of economic co-operation among developing countries, in which it requested the executive secretaries of the regional commissions to continue to intensify activities to support economic co-operation among developing countries at the sub-regional, regional and interregional levels and to include an assessment of progress made in their report to the Economic and Social Council,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/50 of 28 July 1983 on Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on economic and technical co-operation among developing countries in which the Secretary-General and the specialized agencies and United Nations bodies, in the light of their mandates, were invited to pay particular attention to the assessment of their capacities and potentials for the promotion of economic and technical co-operation among developing countries and to suggest, as appropriate, ways and means of strengthening their activities in that field in their respective organizations,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/66 of 29 July 1983 on promotion of interregional economic and technical co-operation among developing countries in which, *inter alia*, the Council reaffirmed the important role of the regional commissions in the promotion of economic and technical co-operation among developing countries at the subregional, regional and interregional levels,

Recalling that at its fortieth session in April 1984 it had recognized that technical and economic co-operation among developing countries was not merely a programme but an approach which should permeate all technical assistance programmes, and that it had urged that such an approach should be incorporated in all the work of the secretariat,

Recalling further its resolutions 194 (XXXV) of 14 March 1979 on promotion of and support for economic and technical co-operation among developing countries, 198 (XXXV) of 16 March 1979 on technical and economic co-operation among developing countries of the region in shipping matters, and 209 (XXXVI) of 29 March 1980 on a scheme for TCDC arrangements in respect of disadvantaged ESCAP countries,

Bearing in mind the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries and the Caracas Programme of Action on economic co-operation among developing countries,

Recognizing the uncertainty of the current international economic situation and the decline in global resources available for development assistance,

Recognizing further the success of the operational activities based on the concept of technical co-operation among developing countries emanating from the Asia and the Pacific Intergovernmental Consultations on the Formulation and Implementation of Programmes on TCDC held at Beijing in November 1983;

Recognizing also the catalytic potential of the Commission, within its existing resources, for the promotion and support of technical and economic co-operation among the developing countries and areas in the Asian and Pacific region,

Mindful of the need for the activities of the Commission based on the concept of economic and technical co-operation among developing countries to be supportive rather than duplicative or reductive of the effectiveness of existing economic and technical co-operation among developing countries,

Conscious of the fact that great benefits could be obtained by developing countries from technical and economic co-operative activities among themselves in improving their technical resources, skills and capabilities for their individual and collective development,

1. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to give high priority, within the existing infrastructure and facilities of the secretariat, to activities which would promote and support technical and economic co-operation among the developing member countries of the Commission particularly at the subregional, regional and interregional levels but also at the bilateral level and to report on such activities to the Commission on a regular basis;

2. *Requests* developing member and associate member countries to strengthen their focal points for economic and technical co-operation among developing countries so as to enable them to plan and co-ordinate their activities based on that concept more effectively;

3. *Further requests* developing member and associate member countries to provide information regarding their needs and available capabilities for activities based on the concept of economic and technical co-operation among developing countries so as to assist the secretariat in performing its clearing-house function;

4. *Requests also* its developing member and associate member countries to consider making appropriate financial arrangements to support their activities based upon economic and technical co-operation among developing countries;

5. *Invites* developed countries and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and institutions to give special consideration in their financial and technical assistance programmes to those projects and programmes containing an element of economic and technical co-operation among developing countries;

6. *Further invites* developed countries, as well as developing member and associate member countries and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and institutions, to consider contributing to the supplementary fund for technical co-operation among developing countries to cover the foreign exchange component of operational activities undertaken under that concept;

7. *Requests* the Governing Council and the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to consider maintaining its allocation for regional and interregional indicative planning figures to support the Commission's activities based on economic and technical co-operation among developing countries;

8. *Requests* the Economic and Social Council, at its first regular session of 1985, to recommend to the General Assembly that it should continue to provide appropriate resources to enable the Commission to utilize fully its potential and existing capability to meet effectively its responsibilities for programme formulation, implementation and co-ordination in regard to activities based on the concept of technical co-operation among developing countries, particularly at the subregional, regional and interregional levels but also at the bilateral level;

9. *Calls upon* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its forty-second session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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