

**247 (XLII). Forecasting, planning and development of technological human resources<sup>2</sup>**

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

*Recalling* the Tokyo Programme on Technology for Development in Asia and the Pacific and the related ESCAP Plan of Action adopted by the Commission in its resolution 235 (XL) of 27 April 1984,

*Responding* to the decision by the Commission at its forty-first session that "Human resources development" should constitute the theme for both the forty-second and the forty-third sessions of the Commission,

*Affirming* that effective development of human resources is capable of promoting the dissemination and application of science and technology and is an essential element in ensuring the sustained economic and social development of nations,

*Recognizing* that the forecasting, planning and development of technological human resources constitute important components of human resources development,

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

1. *Invites* all members and associate members of the Commission to undertake co-operation and exchange activities on the forecasting, planning and development of technological human resources;

2. *Urges* developed countries, and developing countries in a position to do so, and the relevant United Nations agencies and departments to render active support to the developing members and associate members of the Commission in their activities aimed at developing their technological human resources;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to provide the members and associate members with technical assistance in their technological human resources development activities;

4. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to take appropriate steps for co-ordinating and promoting the co-operation and exchanges among members and associate members of the Commission in the field of the forecasting, planning and development of their technological human resources and, *inter alia*, to mobilize extrabudgetary resources:

(a) To hold in 1987 a regional seminar on the forecasting, planning and development of technological human resources;

(b) To initiate country studies on the aforementioned fields to be undertaken primarily by local and regional experts;

(c) To organize a regional study mission based on experiences of scientific and technological human resources planning and policies and the results of the country studies derived therefrom;

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

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**248 (XLII). Asia-Pacific International Trade Fair (ASPAT)<sup>3</sup>**

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

*Reaffirming* its commitment to the promotion of collective self-reliance among developing countries of the region, consistent with the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, through, *inter alia*, the promotion of international trade and the dissemination and exchange of information on industrial and technological capabilities,

*Recognizing* that the holding of international trade fairs and expositions constitutes one of the practical means of fostering regional economic co-operation and international trade, and particularly in disseminating information on trade, industrial and technological capabilities,

*Noting with satisfaction* the successful Asia-Pacific International Trade Fair held at Beijing in 1985 in which there was wide participation of members and associate members, which contributed to the promotion of regional and interregional trade,

*Expressing* its appreciation to the Government of China for hosting ASPAT'85 and giving its full support for the successful conclusion of the Fair,

1. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to help organize the holding of a regional trade fair at appropriate intervals, preferably once in every three to five years, to foster further economic co-operation and trade expansion among countries of the region and to give full technical and advisory support in

<sup>2</sup> See paras. 222, 235 and 239 above.

<sup>3</sup> See paras. 452-453 above.