

247 (XLII). Forecasting, planning and development of technological human resources²

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.

644th meeting
1 May 1986

248 (XLII). Asia-Pacific International Trade Fair (ASPAT)³

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

² See paras. 222, 235 and 239 above.

³ See paras. 452-453 above.

consultation with the host and participating countries, and in particular the least developed, land-locked and island developing countries;

2. *Invites* members and associate members to host such fairs;

3. *Calls upon* all members and associate members to participate in these fairs in order to derive the greatest benefit from them and expresses the hope that when such trade fairs are planned members and associate members will undertake consultations with all appropriate trade and industrial sections to ensure that relevant public, mixed and private sectors in all partner countries can benefit fully from participation;

4. *Calls upon* members and associate members, other donor countries, international organizations and donor agencies to assist the ESCAP secretariat in the organization of these fairs;

5. *Urges* that financial and technical assistance to be extended to host and participating countries should be co-ordinated by the Executive Secretary, giving particular attention to the needs of the least developed, land-locked and island developing countries to facilitate their participation in these fairs;

6. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its forty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution.

646th meeting
2 May 1986

249 (XLII). Participation of women in socio-economic development⁴

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Reaffirming the relevance of the objectives of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, 1976-1985 for the countries of Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 40/101 on the role of women in society, 40/102 on participation of women in promoting international peace and co-operation, 40/105 on incorporation of the interests of women in the work programmes of the regional commissions and 40/106 on national experience relating to the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas, which were adopted on 13 December 1985,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 40/204 of 17 December 1985 on the effective

mobilization and integration of women in development and the Declaration on the Participation of Women in Promoting International Peace and Co-operation annexed to General Assembly resolution 37/63 of 3 December 1982,

Noting the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women adopted by the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, held at Nairobi from 15 to 26 July 1985,

Recognizing that the maximum participation by women in all spheres of activity is important to the attainment of socio-economic development and growth,

Taking note of the importance of the role of women in the political, economic, social and cultural life of society and in promoting international understanding,

Convinced of the need fully to implement women's rights, envisaged in the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,

Noting also that discrimination against women continues in the field of education and employment, which reduces the level of their skills and, therefore, limits their opportunities to participate actively in development,

Considering that the effective implementation of the decisions of relevant United Nations conferences, including the Third Asian and Pacific Ministerial Conference on Social Welfare and Social Development, held at Bangkok from 9 to 15 October 1985, could contribute to the elimination of all forms of inequality between women and men and to more active integration of women in socio-economic development,

1. *Calls upon* Governments of member States to take the necessary and effective measures aimed at implementing the Regional Plan of Action and the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women with a view to ensuring full integration of women in political, economic, social and cultural life;

2. *Invites* Governments, where appropriate, when preparing their national development plans, to include specific target programmes on the advancement of women;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To encourage efforts, within the framework of the Commission, to share national experience in the integration of women in socio-economic development;

⁴ See paras. 602-607 and 635 above.