

Aware that more people live in conditions of poverty in countries of the Asian and Pacific region than in the rest of the world put together,

Noting with concern the decline in the flows of financial resources into developing countries of the region, particularly in low-income and least developed countries,

Recognizing that the capacity of developing countries to raise external resources has become severely constrained by recent developments in the private capital market and the stagnation of bilateral official development assistance,

Recognizing further that developing countries should adopt a consistent policy framework, *inter alia*, to mobilize domestic resources as well as encourage inward capital flows,

Emphasizing that an adequate level of funding by multilateral financial and development institutions is essential for developing countries in their efforts to establish and upgrade physical infrastructure,

Recognizing the special role of the International Development Association in providing resources, particularly for the low-income and least developed countries,

1. *Calls upon* the International Development Association to reach agreement on the Eighth Replenishment as soon as possible, at an adequate level in real terms to enable the Association to pursue its programme, taking into account the increased needs of the recipients;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to transmit this resolution to the International Development Association and to report to the Commission at its forty-third session.

646th meeting
2 May 1986

256 (XLIII). ESCAP Plan of Action on National and Regional Initiatives for Human Resources Development: Its Technological Dimensions¹¹

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolution 235 (XL) of 27 April 1984 on the Tokyo Programme on Technology for Development in Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling also its resolution 241 (XLI) of 29 March 1985 on science and technology policy, planning

and management for the promotion of economic and social development,

Bearing in mind that human resources development is an essential element in improving the technological capabilities of the developing countries and a crucial element in their economic and social development process,

Recognizing that the training of qualified national personnel is an important and integral part of the development of human resources,

Expressing its appreciation to the secretariat of the Commission of its study on "Human resources development: its technological dimensions" which provides a useful basis for discussions on a potential framework for regional co-operative activities regarding human resources development in the field of technology,

Also expressing its appreciation of the contributions made by the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission, the Expert Group Meeting on Human Resources Development: Its Technological Dimensions and the relevant agencies, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in formulating a draft ESCAP plan of action on national and regional initiatives for human resources development: its technological dimensions,

Noting with satisfaction the draft ESCAP plan of action recommended by the Intergovernmental Meeting on Human Resources Development: Its Technological Dimensions, which was convened at Bangkok from 29 to 31 January 1986,

Recognizing the need for member countries to share experience and take co-ordinated action on human resources development for their economic and social development,

1. *Adopts* the ESCAP Plan of Action on National and Regional Initiatives for Human Resources Development: Its Technological Dimensions as a useful basis for national efforts and regional co-operative activities on technological human resources development;

2. *Invites* member countries in the region to undertake specific programmes in human resources development at the national and subregional levels as an integral part of their respective social and economic development programmes on the basis of the ESCAP Plan of Action;

3. *Calls upon* the Governments of developing countries in the region to enhance co-operation among themselves and with developed countries to improve and upgrade national human resources for development;

¹¹ See paras. 220-239 above.

4. *Invites* members and associate members in a position to do so, as well as other interested countries, to support the implementation of the ESCAP Plan of Action through the provision of financial and/or other assistance for the implementation of regional co-operative projects in consultation with and for the mutual benefit of the countries in the region;

5. *Urges* the agencies, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, within the scope of their capabilities, to support and participate effectively in the implementation of specific activities aimed at technological human resources development in Asia and the Pacific;

6. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to:

(a) Co-ordinate ESCAP activities related to human resources development for technological development in Asia and the Pacific, taking into account the related activities of agencies, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, and of other intergovernmental organizations, in order to avoid duplication and enhance the regional dimensions of those activities;

(b) Evaluate the projects and activities in human resources development undertaken by the relevant divisions of ESCAP to assess the results achieved, and the experience gained, in order to improve the formulation and implementation of future programmes and activities in this field;

(c) Initiate action to increase the role of ESCAP-related institutions and projects, in particular the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology, the Regional Network for Agricultural Machinery, the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific, the Asian and Pacific Development Centre and other relevant institutions in the implementation of the ESCAP Plan of Action;

(d) Utilize the expertise available in existing leading institutions in developing member countries dealing with the technical and planning aspects of technological human resources development;

(e) Prepare project proposals for co-operation and joint action on the basis of the ESCAP Plan of Action;

(f) Give special attention to the preparation of co-operative projects aimed at enhancing the national opportunities and resources of developing countries to train qualified national personnel, the improvement and popularization of technology management activities and the upgrading of human resources for technological development through:

- (i) Studies on assessment of the quantity and quality of available technological human resources by types of skill;

- (ii) Regional advisory and other assistance in building self-reliant national capabilities for technology policy formulation and planning;

- (iii) Evolving suitable mechanisms, including the infrastructural and methodological aspects, for scientific and technological manpower planning;

- (iv) The organization of roving workshops for the sharing of views and diversified experience of the region in planning techniques and methodologies for human resources development;

(g) Take appropriate action for the organization of regional training programmes in the areas of:

- (i) Formulation and implementation of human resources development policies and plans in the utilization and application of technology for development;

- (ii) Manpower forecasting and planning;

- (iii) Training of trainers and development of modern methods of technical training;

- (iv) Transfer of skills in the rural sector;

(h) Initiate measures for the technological human resources development of least developed, land-locked and Pacific island developing countries in the region;

7. *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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257 (XLIII). Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries¹²

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,

¹² See paras. 197-206 above.