

## Chapter IV

### RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION AT ITS FORTY-FOURTH SESSION

#### **264 (XLIV). Strengthening activities for technical and economic co-operation among developing countries in the ESCAP region<sup>1/</sup>**

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

*Bearing in mind* the Buenos Aires Plan  
of Action for Promoting and Implementing  
Technical Co-operation among Developing  
Countries,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolu-  
tion 42/179 of 11 December 1987 on  
strengthening and improving intergovern-  
mental programming exercises for technical  
co-operation among developing countries,

*Recalling further* its resolution 245  
(XLI) of 29 March 1985 on mobilization of  
resources for the promotion of and support  
for technical and economic co-operation  
activities among developing countries,

*Recognizing* the importance of tech-  
nical and economic co-operation among  
developing countries in the reinforcement  
of the individual and collective self-  
reliance of the ESCAP developing members  
and associate members, and in the promo-  
tion of their socio-economic development,

*Reaffirming* that intergovernmental  
programming exercises for technical co-  
operation among developing countries con-  
stitute a useful mechanism for promoting  
technical and economic co-operation among  
developing countries in the ESCAP region,

1. *Recommends* that regional inter-  
governmental programming exercises,  
sectoral or comprehensive, for technical  
co-operation among developing countries  
continue to be held in accordance with  
the expressed needs of the developing  
countries of the region;

2. *Invites* developing countries of  
the region to support actively and  
participate in regional intergovernmental  
programming exercises for technical  
co-operation among developing countries  
and to take appropriate follow-up action  
in accordance with their own capacities  
and requirements;

<sup>1/</sup> See paras. 719-726 above.

3. *Invites* the ESCAP developing  
members and associate members in a  
position to do so to provide financial  
and technical support for activities on  
technical and economic co-operation among  
developing countries of the region, and  
in particular to consider contributing  
to the ESCAP supplementary fund for  
technical co-operation among developing  
countries, and also invites developed  
countries to give similar support;

4. *Requests* relevant organizations  
in the United Nations system, and other  
international and regional financing  
institutions, to assist activities on  
technical and economic co-operation among  
developing countries of the region;

5. *Reaffirms* the importance of the  
catalytic and supporting role of ESCAP in  
promoting activities for technical and  
economic co-operation among developing  
countries of the region;

6. *Requests* the Executive Secretary  
to give greater emphasis to the activities  
on technical and economic co-operation  
among developing countries in formulating  
the programme of work of the Commission;

7. *Further requests* the Executive  
Secretary to assist developing members  
and associate members of the region in  
implementing activities for technical and  
economic co-operation among developing  
countries;

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

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#### **265 (XLIV). Social aspects of rural development<sup>2/</sup>**

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

*Recalling* the Declaration on Social  
Progress and Development contained in  
General Assembly resolution 2542 (XXIV)

<sup>2/</sup> See para. 552 above.

of 11 December 1969, the twentieth anniversary of which will be observed by the international community in 1989, and General Assembly resolution 42/48 of 30 November 1987 on the twentieth anniversary of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development,

*Commending* the activities of the secretariat in implementation of its resolution 252 (XLII) of 2 May 1986 on the social aspects of rural development, in particular the organization and report of the regional Seminar on the Role of Women in Social and Economic Development with Special Reference to Rural Development,

*Taking note* of document E/ESCAP/617 on the implementation of special ESCAP mandates in the field of social development,

1. *Invites* its members and associate members to participate actively in the formulation of a regional social development strategy to the year 2000 and beyond, with special reference to the social aspects of rural development;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to pay appropriate attention to the social aspects of rural development in the formulation of that strategy;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to continue to accord priority consideration to the social aspects of rural development and to facilitate the exchange of experience among the members and associate members in solving problems of social development in rural areas.

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## 266 (XLIV). International Literacy Year<sup>3/</sup>

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

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 42/104 of 7 December 1987 proclaiming 1990 International Literacy Year and recommending that the regional commissions consider in their respective forums the contributions they could make to the success of the Year,

*Recalling* that the elimination of illiteracy is recognized by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, as a prerequisite for ensuring the right to education,

*Recalling also* that the elimination of illiteracy is an important target of the integrated plan of action on human resources development,

*Emphasizing* that widespread illiteracy, especially in many developing countries, seriously hinders the process of economic and social development and cultural and spiritual advancement,

*Considering* that the Asian and Pacific region, encompassing some of the most populous countries in the world, has the bulk of the world's illiterates and the highest number of non-enrolled children in the primary age group,

*Recognizing* that International Literacy Year is a means of enhancing worldwide public understanding of the problem of illiteracy and of the need to increase efforts to disseminate education,

*Considering* it essential to contribute appropriately to the success of International Literacy Year,

1. *Invites* members and associate members to participate actively in the preparation and implementation of International Literacy Year at both the regional and national levels by carrying out programmes and measures for the Year;

2. *Recommends* that members and associate members pay special attention to the implementation of the Regional Programme for the Universalization and Renewal of Primary Education and the Eradication of Illiteracy in Asia and the Pacific (APPEAL);

3. *Invites* members and associate members, and interested intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, to co-operate actively in both the preparation and implementation of International Literacy Year with a view to the elimination of illiteracy by the end of this century;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, in co-ordination with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to identify specific areas where ESCAP could lend its support for human resources development in this field.

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<sup>3/</sup> See para. 209 above.