

the year 2000, based on information to be provided by Governments.

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269 (XLIV). The Commission's activities in the Pacific^{6/}

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolution 173 (XXXIII) of 29 April 1977 on increased participation by the developing island countries of the Pacific in the Commission's activities, and resolutions 188 (XXXIV) of 17 March 1978, 208 (XXXVI) of 29 March 1980, 237 (XL) of 27 April 1984, and 244 (XLI) of 29 March 1985 on the Commission's activities in the Pacific,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 31/156 of 21 December 1976, 32/185 of 19 December 1977, 34/205 of 19 December 1979, 35/61 of 5 December 1980, 37/206 of 20 December 1982, 39/212 of 18 December 1984, and 41/163 of 5 December 1986, relating to the special needs and problems of island developing countries,

Recalling further the reiterated call for specific action in favour of island developing countries contained in United Nations Conference on Trade and Development resolutions 98 (IV) of 31 May 1976, 111 (V) of 3 June 1979, and 138 (VI) of 2 July 1983,

Taking note of the appointment of a Pacific islander as Head of the ESCAP Pacific Operations Centre,

Expressing its appreciation to all donor Governments and multilateral agencies that have responded to the special needs of island member and associate member countries in the Pacific,

Bearing in mind the expressed wish of island developing countries to monitor and participate fully in the Commission's work for the discharge of the ESCAP social and economic mandate in the Pacific,

Noting the concern that Pacific island countries, especially the small, remote and least developed countries, have not been fully represented at Commission sessions to enable them to articulate

their needs and problems owing to the insurmountable financial constraints on their attendance,

1. Commends the Executive Secretary on the positive efforts made to establish the new subprogramme on "Special measures in favour of the island developing countries" within the work programme on "Development issues and policies", and to increase the relevance and effectiveness of the Commission's role and activities in the Pacific;

2. Requests the Executive Secretary to increase and diversify, as much as feasible and taking into account the United Nations guidelines in this respect, Pacific subregional representation on the secretariat Professional staff;

3. Requests the Executive Secretary to consult with the Secretary-General and with members and associate members of ESCAP, as well as interested donors, and international organizations with a view to obtaining the necessary resources to ensure the full participation of Pacific island countries at the forty-fifth session of the Commission in 1989 and thereafter;

4. Further requests the Executive Secretary to investigate the feasibility of providing office space, facilities, and secretariat support services in Bangkok for participants from, and representatives of, Pacific island countries;

5. Requests the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its forty-fifth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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270 (XLIV). Adoption of measures in the Asian and Pacific region to support follow-up of the report *The Missing Link on telecommunication*^{7/}

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Considering the decision of the Committee on Shipping, and Transport and Communications (Transport, Communications and Tourism Wing) at its eleventh session,

^{6/} See paras. 727-736 above.

^{7/} See para. 523 above.