

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.

upon the request of the International Telecommunication Union to follow up the Arusha Declaration on World Telecommunications Development, that since telecommunication is an essential element in the development of all sectors of the economy, higher priority should be given to that sector, particularly during the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific, 1985-1994,

Recalling that the Asia and Pacific Telecommunications Development Conference held at New Delhi in February 1988 recommended that ESCAP, given its wide mandate and its contacts at the policy level in the developing countries of the Asian and Pacific region, should take appropriate action by following up the relevant recommendations in the report *The Missing Link* that relate to telecommunication sector priority, and co-ordinate regional and subregional co-operative endeavours on research and development, common standards and specifications, and collective procurement and local manufacture,

1. Requests the Executive Secretary to consult with interested members and associate members with a view to taking appropriate action within available resources to support the follow-up of the relevant recommendations in the report *The Missing Link* with a view to identifying a programme of activities which ESCAP might undertake;

2. Further requests other relevant organizations, such as the International Telecommunication Union and the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity, to co-operate fully with the secretariat in this work.

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271 (XLIV). United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries^{8/}

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries, adopted by the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries and endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 36/194 of 17 December 1981,

^{8/} See paras. 189-190 above.

Further recalling General Assembly resolutions 37/224 of 20 December 1982, 38/195 of 20 December 1983, 39/174 of 17 December 1984 and 40/205 of 17 December 1985 on the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action,

Recalling also Commission resolutions 242 (XLI) of 29 March 1985, 257 (XLII) of 2 May 1986 and 261 (XLIII) of 30 April 1987 on the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action,

Noting General Assembly resolution 42/177 of 11 December 1987 in which the General Assembly decided to convene a United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries at a high level in 1990,

Welcoming the overall co-ordinating role of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

Expressing deep concern at the continuing deterioration in the overall economic and social conditions in the least developed countries in spite of their national efforts as well as efforts made by the international community since the adoption of the Substantial New Programme of Action,

1. Urges those donor countries, within the overall context of the Substantial New Programme of Action, whose official development assistance contributions have not yet reached 0.15 per cent of their gross national product, or which have not yet doubled their official development assistance to least developed countries, to make every possible effort to attain those targets as contained in the Substantial New Programme of Action;

2. Urges all Governments, inter-governmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to renew their efforts to implement the Programme, so as to enable each least developed country to achieve a minimum standard of performance in socio-economic development;

3. Calls upon the international community and regional organizations to provide support measures for the efforts of the least developed countries in the priority sectors established by the Governments of the least developed countries in their country programmes and embodied in the Substantial New Programme of Action, particularly in food and agriculture, manufacturing industries, exploration and development of energy and natural resources, human resources