

development, expansion and diversification of exports, development of transport and communications, and improvement in planning, implementation and management capabilities;

4. *Calls upon* international and regional organizations to give more focus to the special problems of the land-locked and island least developed countries of the region;

5. *Urges* all ESCAP developing members and associate members to provide support to the development efforts of the least developed countries within the framework of the Substantial New Programme of Action and in the spirit of regional co-operation;

6. *Calls upon* all members and associate members of the Asian and Pacific region to participate actively in the preparatory process to ensure the success of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

7. *Calls upon* all Governments, intergovernmental and multilateral development institutions, and others concerned, to co-ordinate closely with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in taking all appropriate steps to ensure that adequate preparations are made for the Conference and to participate effectively in its preparatory process;

8. *Requests* the Executive Secretary in co-ordination with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and subject to availability of extrabudgetary resources:

(a) To undertake an in-depth review of the causes and consequences of the slow growth in the least developed countries of the ESCAP region during the current decade within the context of the Substantial New Programme of Action and to make appropriate recommendations for action by the international community;

(b) To convene a meeting of selected experts to consider the review mentioned above;

(c) To organize an intergovernmental meeting prior to the meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries to be held in March/April 1990, to consider and to work out recommendations and proposals for national and international action to accelerate the development process of those countries in the 1990s;

9. *Also invites* the donor countries and multilateral funding agencies to provide extrabudgetary support for carrying out the above activities;

10. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its forty-fifth session on progress in the implementation of the present resolution.

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272 (XLIV). Study on the implications of demographic changes for the development of human resources^{9/}

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/71 of 8 July 1987 on the work programme in the field of population and Commission resolution 260 (XLIII) of 30 April 1987 on an ESCAP integrated plan of action on human resources development,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 39/228 of 18 December 1984 on the International Conference on Population and noting in particular the emphasis laid on the successful implementation of population policies for achieving an adequate quality of life,

Further recalling the recommendations made at the Third Asian and Pacific Population Conference, held at Colombo in 1982, contained in the Asia-Pacific Call for Action on Population and Development,

Affirming that unwanted high fertility adversely affects the health and welfare of individuals and families, especially among the poor, and seriously impedes social and economic progress in many countries,

Affirming also the need to integrate human resources development as an important aspect of overall national development processes,

Noting the emphasis placed on quality of life issues as a basic dimension of human resources development in the Jakarta Plan of Action on Human Resources Development in the ESCAP Region, and particularly noting the recommendations contained in that Plan of Action regarding research on and analysis of the

^{9/} See para. 449 above.

quality-of-life dimension of human resources development,

Recognizing the significant changes in demographic situations obtaining in the countries and territories of the Asian and Pacific region,

Further recognizing the important linkages between various aspects of human resources development and changes in mortality, fertility, migration and structure and composition of population,

1. *Calls upon* the Executive Secretary to conduct, subject to the availability of resources, an analytical study on the implications of changes in demographic situations for the various aspects of human resources development;

2. *Invites* members and associate members in a position to do so, concerned donors and relevant United Nations specialized agencies and bodies, particularly the United Nations Population Fund, to provide financial and other support and participate in the above-mentioned study, and to support other population activities of the ESCAP secretariat;

3. *Invites* members and associate members to transmit to the Executive Secretary relevant data and other information, as available, on the changes in the levels and trends of mortality, fertility, migration and structure and composition of population, as well as on the current status of human resources development, in order to facilitate the preparation of the above study;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to assist, subject to availability of resources, the members and associate members, upon request, in the formulation and implementation of population policies and programmes as integral parts of socio-economic development plans;

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its forty-fifth session on the implementation of the present resolution, and present the findings and recommendations of the study at subsequent sessions.

273 (XLIV). Survey of the quality of life in Asia and the Pacific^{10/}

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling the proposals for action contained in the report of the Third Asian and Pacific Ministerial Conference on Social Welfare and Social Development highlighting a number of policy issues requiring an in-depth understanding of the quality of life in the region,

Further recalling its resolution 259 (XLIII) of 30 April 1987 containing the Declaration on the Fortieth Anniversary of ESCAP, in which the Commission, *inter alia*, called upon its members and associate members to undertake specific programmes in the field of human resources development, keeping in view the ESCAP plan of action in that field,

Noting the emphasis placed on quality-of-life issues as a basic dimension of human resources development in the Jakarta Plan of Action on Human Resources Development in the ESCAP Region, and particularly noting the recommendations contained in that Plan of Action regarding research and analysis of the quality-of-life dimension of human resources development,

1. *Calls upon* the Executive Secretary to conduct, subject to the availability of resources, an analytical survey on the quality of life in the ESCAP region as a major initial activity in implementation of the Jakarta Plan of Action on Human Resources Development in the ESCAP Region;

2. *Invites* members and associate members to transmit to the Executive Secretary available current data and other information on the quality of life in their respective countries and territories;

3. *Invites* members and associate members in a position to do so, as well as relevant United Nations specialized agencies and bodies concerned with the quality of life in Asia and the Pacific, to provide financial and other assistance to the preparation of the survey;

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^{10/} See para. 202 above.