

Recalling General Assembly resolution 43/140 of 8 December 1988 on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asian and Pacific region,

Recalling also Commission on Human Rights resolution 1988/73 of 10 March 1988 on regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights in the Asian and Pacific region,

Welcoming the designation, by the Executive Secretary, of the Social Development Division of the secretariat as a regional focal point on human rights,

Requests the Executive Secretary to pursue, within existing resources, the establishment of a depository centre for United Nations human rights materials, the functions of which would include the collection, processing and dissemination of such materials in the ESCAP region.

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45/3. Regional support for International Literacy Year³

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

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

Recalling Commission resolution 266 (XLIV) of 20 April 1988 on International Literacy Year,

Recalling also its resolution 274 (XLIV) of 20 April 1988 on the Jakarta Plan of Action on Human Resources Development in the ESCAP Region,

Noting the emphasis placed on literacy and basic education as critical components in human resources development, and particularly noting the recommendations contained in the Jakarta Plan of Action regarding literacy and basic education for all,

Welcoming with appreciation the decision of the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Bank to convene the World Conference on Education for All - Meeting Basic Learning Needs, at Bangkok in 1990,

1. Urges all members and associate members to participate actively in the World Conference;

2. Requests the Executive Secretary to lend active support and, as far as possible, provide substantive inputs to the World Conference;

³ See paras. 499-502 above.

3. Requests the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its forty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution, as well as on action being taken by members and associate members in implementation of Commission resolution 266 (XLIV).

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45/4. Integrated programme on rural development⁴

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its earlier resolutions 161 (XXXII) of 31 March 1976 and 172 (XXXIII) of 29 April 1977 in which it expressed grave concern at the problems of rural poverty and called for the promotion of growth with social justice in the region through mutual co-operation between Governments and the United Nations agencies,

Recognizing the serious efforts made by the Governments of the developing countries of the region, the support of the international community and their accomplishments in redressing rural poverty,

Convinced of the need for Governments to continue their efforts to focus on alleviation of rural poverty through the active participation of the beneficiaries themselves in the planning, implementation and evaluation of such activities to ensure the relevance of programmes and equitable sharing of benefits,

Also convinced of the continued need for the international community to supplement the efforts of the developing countries of the region,

Recognizing the need to focus urgent attention on areas such as employment generation, including self-employment opportunities, development of rural women, promotion of people's participation, monitoring and evaluation,

Expressing concern over the continued plight of millions of rural poor in the region, including in particular in the least developed countries, who have not been adequately reached by the fruits of development,

Expressing appreciation of the assistance provided by the United Nations agencies, including in particular the members of the Interagency Committee on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific and the Committee itself to the developing countries of the region in the alleviation of rural poverty,

Taking into account the recent review of integrated rural development strategies undertaken by experts designated by a number of developing member Governments at Suwon, Republic of Korea and their reaffirmation of the Interagency Co-ordinated Plan of

⁴ See paras. 265-271 above.