

Recalling its resolution 262 (XLIII) of 30 April 1987 in which the Executive Secretary was requested, *inter alia*, to continue to pay special attention to the need to implement reorganization and rationalization programmes to improve the performance of the secretariat in the implementation of the programme of work and priorities, through suitable measures including evaluation, as well as the preambular paragraphs of General Assembly resolution 40/237 of 18 December 1985,

Noting with appreciation the efforts of the Executive Secretary to further improve the performance of the secretariat,

Seeking to enhance the capacity of ESCAP to carry out its mandate efficiently,

Emphasizing the need for the effective and efficient functioning of the intergovernmental structure of the United Nations and its secretariat support structures in the economic, social and related fields in order to further enhance international co-operation and efforts to promote development,

1. *Urges* members and associate members to address continuously priorities for the programme of work emerging from their changing needs;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To continue to improve the administrative and operational functioning of the secretariat in the effective implementation of the programme of work and priorities emerging from the changing needs of the members;

(b) To continue to consult regularly with members, particularly through the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission, to facilitate close interaction and exchange of relevant information between members and the secretariat for the effective implementation of the programme of work and priorities.

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46/4. Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries⁴

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 42/177 of 11 December 1987, 43/186 of 20 December 1988 and 44/220 of 22 December 1989 concerning the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries to be held at a high level in Paris in September 1990,

Recalling also its resolution 271 (XLIV) of 20 April 1988 on the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries,

Expressing deep concern at the continuing deterioration in the overall economic and social conditions in the least developed countries in spite of all the efforts thus far,

Recognizing that the Conference will provide an important opportunity for the international community to discuss and adopt an appropriate plan of action for the 1990s for the least developed countries,

1. *Urges* all Governments, intergovernmental and multilateral organizations, and others concerned to exert every effort to ensure the success of the Conference;

2. *Calls upon* all members and associate members in the Asian and Pacific region to participate actively in the Conference;

3. *Notes with appreciation* the work undertaken by the secretariat in preparation for the Conference;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to take measures within available resources to enable the secretariat to be appropriately strengthened in its capabilities for review, follow-up and monitoring of the plan of action for the 1990s for the least developed countries, at the regional level;

5. *Invites* the member countries in a position to do so, other donor countries, multilateral funding agencies and financial institutions to provide extra-budgetary support to the secretariat in its efforts towards implementation of the new plan of action;

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

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46/5. Regional follow-up of the World Conference on Education for All - Meeting Basic Learning Needs⁵

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,

Further recalling Commission resolutions 266 (XLIV) of 20 April 1988 on International Literacy Year, 274 (XLIV) of 20 April 1988 on the Jakarta Plan of Action on Human Resources Development in the ESCAP Region, 45/1 of 5 April 1989 on a regional social development strategy towards the year 2000 and beyond, and 45/3 of 5 April 1989 on regional support for International Literacy Year,

⁴ See paras. 177 and 178 above.

⁵ See paras. 434-435 and 438-440 above.

Re-emphasizing that widespread illiteracy, as encountered in a number of developing countries of the ESCAP region, seriously hinders the process of economic and social development,

Expressing appreciation to the Executive Secretary of his efforts in implementing resolution 45/3, in particular by lending active support to the World Conference, of which ESCAP served as an associate sponsor,

Commending the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Bank for initiating and organizing the World Conference,

Welcoming the World Declaration on Education for All and the Framework for Action to Meet Basic Learning Needs, adopted by the World Conference on Education for All - Meeting Basic Learning Needs, convened at Jomtien, Thailand from 5 to 9 March 1990,

Noting with appreciation the action taken by the Executive Secretary to develop and implement a regional programme of action in pursuance of the mandate given to the regional commission in the Framework for Action to Meet Basic Learning Needs,

1. *Endorses* the Executive Secretary's proposal to convene in 1990 a meeting of senior officials to formulate a regional programme of action in support of education for all in the ESCAP region at Bangkok;

2. *Urges* all members and associate members to contribute actively to the development of a regional programme of action in support of education for all through the participation of high-level policy makers in the meeting of senior officials;

3. *Invites* all concerned United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, as well as interested non-governmental organizations, to participate actively in the formulation of a regional programme of action in support of education for all and in the meeting of senior officials;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to undertake further follow-up activities on the basis of the regional programme of action formulated by the meeting of senior officials;

5. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its forty-seventh session on the programme of action in support of education for all in the ESCAP region.

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46/6. Integration of women in all aspects of development⁶

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 44/73 of 8 December 1989 on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 44/77 of 8 December 1989 on implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 44/171 of 19 December 1989 on the integration of women in development,

Bearing in mind Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/12 of 25 May 1990 on a world conference on women in 1995,

Recalling Commission resolution 211 (XXXVII) of 19 March 1981 on strengthening the Commission in the promotion of the integration of women in the development process,

Recalling the decision of the Commission that in the revised structure of the secretariat's proposed medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 there should be a separate subprogramme on women in development,

Recognizing that effective participation by women in all areas of social and economic development is essential to the attainment of national development goals and aspirations, and that much further progress needs to be made to upgrade the status of women and enhance their participation in development in the Asian and Pacific region,

1. *Urges* members and associate members to intensify efforts at the national and regional levels to implement the measures contained in the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, as well as the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women;

2. *Decides* to consider "Women in development" as the theme topic at a session of the Commission in the near future, so that special attention can be given to policies and programmes at the national and regional levels with regard to the advancement of women and their full participation in development;

3. *Invites* donor countries and agencies, especially the United Nations Development Fund for Women, to provide the requisite funds to enable the Commission to strengthen its programme of activities in the field of women in development in implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to convene in 1993 a regional intergovernmental meeting on women in development to review the progress achieved in Asia and the Pacific in implementing the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies and as a regional preparatory activity for the world conference on women to be convened by the United Nations in 1995;

5. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary, subject to available resources:

⁶ See paras. 407-415 above.