

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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13 June 1990

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.

(a) To undertake an analytical study on the progress made and obstacles encountered in the ESCAP region in implementing the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies as a basis for the Commission's deliberations on the theme topic of "Women in development";

(b) To formulate regional action proposals for improving the status of women in Asia and the Pacific for consideration at the regional intergovernmental meeting on women in development;

(c) To strengthen the capacity of the secretariat for the provision of technical assistance, regional co-operation and monitoring and evaluation concerning the status of women and their participation in development through making available an additional regular budget post to the subprogramme on women in development;

6. *Further 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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46/7. Promotion of foreign investment in least developed countries of Asia and the Pacific⁷

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, in which it was recommended that the least developed countries should aim at increasing their growth of manufacturing output to an overall annual rate of 9 per cent or more,

Recalling also its resolution 235 (XL) of 27 April 1984 on the Tokyo Programme on Technology for Development in Asia and the Pacific, in which the Executive Secretary was requested, *inter alia*, to initiate measures for the technological development of the least developed, land-locked and island developing countries,

Recalling further the Meeting of Ministers of Industry and Technology of ESCAP members and associate members held in 1986, which emphasized that increased external resource transfers to the least developed countries could greatly facilitate their industrial and technological development,

Bearing in mind that inadequate finance and investment funds have hampered industrial development in the least developed countries,

1. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to assist the least developed countries in their overall investment promotion activities, including joint ventures and technical and other forms of collaboration, specifically through:

(a) Provision of assistance in the preparation of country profiles dealing with information on investment opportunities in least developed countries for prospective foreign investors;

(b) Assistance in identification of projects and preparation of project profiles;

(c) Organization of entrepreneurial, managerial and other skill development programmes, including negotiation techniques and technology transfer;

(d) Organization of investment promotion meetings in the developed countries between entrepreneurs from least developed countries and potential investors from developed countries and newly industrializing ESCAP members and associate members;

2. *Calls upon* the Executive Secretary to undertake activities, within available resources, aimed at strengthening the public sector and enhancing the role of the private sector in the least developed countries;

3. *Further calls upon* the Executive Secretary to seek co-operation from relevant international organizations, especially the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations, the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, to implement the present resolution;

4. *Invites* donors to provide the necessary extrabudgetary resources to the secretariat to enable it to carry out the above activities;

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

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46/8. Technical and economic co-operation among developing countries for the least developed, land-locked and island developing countries⁸

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolution 264 (XLIV) of 20 April 1988 on strengthening activities for technical and economic co-operation among developing countries in the ESCAP region,

Recalling further its resolution 245 (XLI) of 29 March 1985 on mobilization of resources for the promotion of and support for technical and economic co-operation activities among developing countries,

⁷ See paras. 172-176 above.

⁸ See paras. 658-665 above.