

(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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13 June 1990*

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.

Reaffirming the role of ESCAP in promoting economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific and in initiating and developing co-operation among developing countries in these fundamental responsibilities within the region and with other countries,

Considering the important role which technical and economic co-operation among developing countries could play in the socio-economic development efforts of the least developed, land-locked and island developing countries,

Noting the support of the Ministerial Meeting of the Least Developed Countries held at Dhaka in February 1990 for the strengthening of technical and economic co-operation among developing countries, and for providing greater and preferential access for least developed country products to regional markets on a long-term basis, and for the exchange of information and know-how,

Recognizing the remoteness and the inadequacy of transport and telecommunication services in the least developed, land-locked and island developing countries,

Reaffirming the importance of multilateral and bilateral co-operation among developing countries in the exploitation of land and sea resources and in exchanging expertise and information,

Acknowledging the paucity of adequately trained and skilled manpower in the public and private sectors in the least developed, land-locked and island developing countries,

1. *Invites* the developing members and associate members in a position to do so to undertake technical and economic co-operation with the least developed, land-locked and island developing countries in the areas of transport and joint exploitation and development of natural resources;

2. *Invites* relevant organizations in the United Nations system, and other international and regional institutions, to assist the least developed, land-locked and island developing countries in:

(a) The formulation of their short- and long-term plans of action so as to enhance their socio-economic development through indigenous entrepreneurship, transfer of technology, trade and investment;

(b) Co-ordinating and appraising their respective long-term management programmes for the middle- and upper-level managers in the public and private sectors;

(c) The design and implementation of an overall monitoring mechanism for their socio-economic development programmes and projects;

(d) Enhancing the exchange of socio-economic and technological information relevant to their respective development strategies;

(e) Overall investment promotion activities, including joint ventures and technical and other forms of collaboration;

3. *Invites* donor countries and multilateral funding agencies to provide technical and financial assistance to the least developed, land-locked and island developing countries of the region in the implementation of activities for technical and economic co-operation among developing countries;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to assist the least developed, land-locked and island developing countries concerned in implementing activities for technical and economic co-operation among developing countries;

5. *Further 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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