

Chapter IV

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION AT ITS FORTY-SEVENTH SESSION

47/1. Seoul Declaration on Regional Cooperation¹

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Acknowledging the inspiring address of the President of the Republic of Korea on the occasion of its forty-seventh session and endorsing his desire that ESCAP continue to play an important role in strengthening regional cooperation as well as promoting friendly and cooperative relations among members and associate members of the Commission,

Recognizing that ESCAP, as the principal arm of the United Nations in the Asian and Pacific region and as the regional intergovernmental forum with the broadest membership, has continued to provide opportunities for members and associate members to meet every year at the ministerial level to review and discuss major economic and social issues from the standpoint of the Asian and Pacific region,

Recognizing also the contributions made and the major role played by the Commission as a driving force for regional cooperation which has contributed to the development of a common will among the countries in the Asian and Pacific region,

Recognizing further the dynamism and vitality of the Asian and Pacific region and the need to utilize fully existing subregional organizations in the region with a view to fostering appropriate cooperation and interaction between them to enhance progress in the region,

Noting that, with the spread of a reconciliatory and cooperative atmosphere in the region, members and associate members are now able to give priority to the socio-economic development of their countries rather than confronting each other with ideologies and systems,

Recalling, inter alia, the declaration made at the seventh session of the Commission, held at Lahore in 1951, generally known as the Lahore Convention, the Tokyo Declaration made at the thirteenth session in 1967, the Kabul Declaration on Asian Economic Co-operation and Development adopted at the Fourth Council of Ministers on Asian Economic Co-operation in 1970, and the Declaration on the Fortieth Anniversary of ESCAP adopted at the forty-third session in 1987, which have provided policy directions for regional cooperation in Asia and the Pacific,

1. *Declares* that regional cooperation is of paramount importance and that the promotion of a spirit of good will and friendly relations among all countries of Asia and the Pacific is essential in broadening such cooperation;

2. *Reaffirms* the role of ESCAP, as mandated by the United Nations General Assembly, as the main general economic and social development centre within the United Nations system for the Asian and Pacific region;

3. *Urges* all members and associate members to reaffirm their political will, redouble their resolve and take concerted action to strengthen regional cooperation with a view to meeting effectively the economic and social development challenges in the coming decades.

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47/2. Seoul Plan of Action for Promoting Industrial Restructuring in Asia and the Pacific²

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling the Vienna Programme of Action on Science and Technology for Development adopted by the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development in 1979, and resolutions GC/Res. 18 of 23 November 1989 on the Special Programme for the Industrial Development of Asia and the Pacific, and GC/Res. 19 of 24 November 1989 on industrial investment promotion, adopted by the Third General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,

Recalling also Commission resolutions 235 (XL) of 27 April 1984 on the Tokyo Programme on Technology for Development in Asia and the Pacific, 256 (XLII) of 2 May 1986 on the ESCAP Plan of Action on National and Regional Initiatives for Human Resources Development: Its Technological Dimensions, and 274 (XLIV) of 20 April 1988 on the Jakarta Plan of Action on Human Resources Development in the ESCAP Region,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990 on the Declaration on International Economic Co-operation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries,

Taking into account General Assembly resolution 45/199 of 21 December 1990 on the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, especially the sections on science and technology, and industrial policies and measures, which emphasize:

¹ See para. 175 above.

² See para. 217 above.