

development strategy for the ESCAP region, to the World Declaration and the Plan of Action;

5. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary, in close collaboration with the United Nations Children's Fund, to ensure that the action taken by all members and associate members in response to the concerns for the survival, protection and development of children as enunciated in the World Declaration and Plan of Action are monitored as part of the implementation of a regional social development strategy.

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#### 47/13. International Year of the Family<sup>13</sup>

*The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 44/82 of 8 December 1989 proclaiming 1994 as International Year of the Family,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolution 45/133 of 14 December 1990, inviting all Governments, specialized agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, as well as interested national organizations, to exert all possible efforts in the preparation for and observance of the Year and to cooperate with the Secretary-General in achieving the objectives of the Year,

*Further recalling* Commission resolution 45/1 of 5 April 1989 on a regional social development strategy towards the year 2000 and beyond, in which the Commission urged the Executive Secretary to incorporate in the strategy careful consideration of the family in development and of the pivotal role of that basic social institution,

*Recognizing* the importance of ensuring the realization within the family of the principles affirmed in the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, adopted by the General Assembly in resolution 34/180 of 18 December 1979, and the Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted by the General Assembly in resolution 44/25 of 20 November 1989,

*Reiterating* the importance of the family as the basic social unit for socio-economic development and

the need for all Governments to devise policies specifically in support of the attainment of national development objectives regarding the family,

*Bearing in mind* that the Year will offer a unique opportunity for mobilizing efforts, particularly at the local and national levels, to highlight the importance of the family, to promote a better understanding of its functions and role in development, and to strengthen national institutions to formulate, implement and monitor policies in respect of the family,

*Recognizing* that for the Year to be successful and for its impact and practical efficiency to be maximized, adequate preparation and region-wide support are required,

1. *Urges* all members and associate members to take prompt action to establish national coordinating mechanisms to prepare for, observe and follow up the Year of the Family, in particular for the purpose of planning, stimulating and harmonizing the activities of all governmental and non-governmental agencies and organizations concerned with the preparation for and observance of the Year;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to convene in 1993 a regional intergovernmental preparatory meeting of members and associate members of the Commission for the observance of the Year;

3. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To initiate, in collaboration with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and other concerned agencies, a series of country studies on the role of the family in development to provide a basis for formulating proposals for regional action on preparation for and observance of the Year;

(b) To liaise with the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna concerning regional preparations for observance and follow-up of the Year;

(c) To constitute an inter-agency committee consisting of representatives of the regional offices of all concerned United Nations bodies and agencies to coordinate their activities in preparation for and observance of the Year;

4. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its forty-ninth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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<sup>13</sup> See para. 574 above.