

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to convene, before the end of 1991, a meeting of senior officials of members and associate members to consider and finalize the detailed recommendations to encompass the terms of reference, operational modalities, frequency of meetings and other relevant aspects of the revised subsidiary structure of the Commission on the basis of the report of the Group of Eminent Persons;

4. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to submit the report of the meeting of senior officials, together with his assessment of the organizational, staffing and financial implications, to the Commission at its forty-eighth session for consideration and adoption.

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47/4. Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s⁴

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 organization of the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, held in Paris in September 1990, as well as its resolution 45/206 of 21 December 1990 on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s,

Recalling further the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 45/199 of 21 December 1990, in which Member States stressed, *inter alia*, the need for full implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s,

Noting with appreciation the preparatory work carried out by the secretariat, in response to its resolutions 271 (XLIV) of 20 April 1988 and 46/4 of 13 June 1990, in connection with the organization of the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries,

Expressing appreciation to the Government of France for hosting the Conference,

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

1. *Reaffirms* that the least developed countries have the primary responsibility for the formulation and effective implementation of national policies and priorities for their growth and development;

2. *Stresses* that successful implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s will depend on shared responsibility and strengthened partnership for the growth and development of the least developed countries;

3. *Urges* all Governments, international and multilateral organizations, financial institutions and development funds, organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, and other organizations concerned, to take immediate, concrete and adequate steps to implement the Programme of Action;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, in close coordination with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development:

(a) To review and monitor progress in economic cooperation between the least developed countries and other developing countries, particularly in the same region;

(b) To organize cluster meetings, preferably every two years, with all countries concerned, in order to improve and strengthen existing cooperation arrangements at the regional and subregional levels;

(c) To ensure extended coverage of the expressed needs and problems of the least developed, land-locked and small island countries of the region within the framework of the Programme of Action;

(d) To ensure that the needs and problems of the least developed countries of the region are addressed as part of the ongoing programme of work and priorities of the secretariat and to contribute to the follow-up process of the Programme of Action;

(e) To assist the least developed countries in the formulation of appropriate sectoral development strategies and policies, paying due regard to the diverse development circumstances and constraints facing the least developed countries, in accordance with the Programme of Action;

(f) To undertake the collection, compilation, analysis and dissemination of information on the implementation of the Programme of Action on a yearly basis, and identification and adoption of measures for full implementation of the Programme of Action during the 1990s;

5. *Endorses* subprogramme 12, Special programmes for the least developed, land-locked and island developing countries, of the programme of work and priorities;

6. *Invites* the member countries in a position to do so, other donor countries, multilateral funding agencies and financial institutions to provide extrabudgetary support to the secretariat in its efforts to implement the Programme of Action;

7. *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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⁴ See para. 231 above.