

5. *Calls upon* non-governmental organizations in the field of social development to utilize their experience and expertise in strengthening the capabilities and activities of organizations of disabled persons;

6. *Urges* organizations of disabled persons to cooperate with government agencies in strengthening means by which citizens with disabilities may realize their full potential, and to strengthen linkages among disabled persons in developed and developing countries to enhance their self-help capacity;

7. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to assist, subject to available financial resources, member and associate member Governments in the following:

(a) Developing and pursuing national programmes of action during the forthcoming Decade;

(b) Formulating and implementing technical guidelines and legislation to promote access by disabled persons to buildings, public facilities, transport and communications systems, information, education and training, and technical aids;

8. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission biennially until the end of the Decade on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution and to submit recommendations to the Commission, as required, on action to maintain the momentum of the Decade.

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#### 48/4. Fourth Asian and Pacific Population Conference, 1992<sup>4</sup>

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

*Recalling* resolution 74 (XXIII) of 17 April 1967 on regional cooperation in the field of population, in which the Commission established the Asian Population Conference as a statutory organ of the Commission, to be convened every ten years, for the consideration of all aspects of population questions and of their impact on economic and social development,

*Noting* the various recommendations of the Preparatory Committee for the Fourth Asian and Pacific Population Conference, made in consultation with representatives of selected Governments in the region, the United Nations Population Fund as a joint sponsor, specialized agencies and others, at the first and second sessions of the Committee convened in 1990 and 1991 respectively, to make preparations for the Conference,

*Considering* the overriding importance of population in the sustainable economic and social development of countries and areas in the Asian and Pacific region,

*Stressing* the important role of the Commission in the field of population and as the main general economic and social development centre within the United Nations system for the Asian and Pacific region,

*Noting* recommendation 52 of the Asia-Pacific Call for Action on Population and Development, adopted at the Third Asian and Pacific Population Conference, held at Colombo in 1982, in which the secretariat was called upon to provide support to members and associate members of the Commission in the implementation of the recommendations of that Conference and to undertake periodic review and appraisal of the progress made in achieving the objectives of the Call for Action,

*Recalling* its decision to organize the Fourth Asian and Pacific Population Conference as a ministerial meeting jointly with the United Nations Population Fund in order to review the changes in the population situation that occurred during the 1980s and highlight the perspectives of population policies and programmes during the 1990s in countries and areas of Asia and the Pacific,

*Reiterating* its invitation to all member and associate member Governments to participate in the Conference, which will be held in Bali, Indonesia, from 19 to 27 August 1992,

1. *Calls upon* member and associate member Governments to undertake the necessary review and appraisal of population trends and policies in their countries and areas so that they will be in a position to report to the Fourth Asian and Pacific Population Conference;

2. *Urges* member and associate member Governments to participate fully and enthusiastically, at the ministerial level, in its deliberations, which are aimed at determining goals, strategies and directions for the achievement of sustainable development in the twenty-first century;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to undertake the necessary follow-up activities based on the recommendations of the Conference and provide the necessary assistance to the member and associate member Governments in their implementation of those recommendations, subject to available financial resources;

4. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to present the findings and recommendations of the Conference as the main Asian and Pacific regional input to the International Conference on Population and Development to be held in 1994.

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<sup>4</sup> See paras. 510 above.