

regional input into the Fourth World Conference on Women;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the Fourth World Conference on Women to provide the necessary substantive assistance for the success of the Ministerial Conference as a preparatory meeting for that Conference, and invites her to address the Ministerial Conference;

6. *Urges* donors, members and associate members of the Commission, as well as other funding agencies, to extend their assistance to facilitate the participation in the Ministerial Conference of all the least developed countries, the Central Asian republics in transition to a market economy, and the Pacific island developing countries;

7. *Encourages* all members and associate members of the Commission and organizations of the United Nations system to take part in the Exhibition on the Advancement of Women in the Asia-Pacific Region, which will be held in conjunction with the Ministerial Conference;

8. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its fifty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution and the results of the Second Asian and Pacific Ministerial Conference on Women in Development.

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50/5. Status of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific⁵

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Noting that the Asian Statistical Institute was brought into existence pursuant to chapter I, paragraph 2, of the Plan of Operation concluded on 1 May 1970 between the host Government, namely, the Government of Japan, the United Nations (acting through ESCAP as the executing agency), the United Nations Development Programme as the funding agency, and other participating Governments, on the basis of the Agreement of 9 September 1969 between the Government of Japan and the United Nations Development Programme concerning Assistance for the Establishment and Operation of the Asian Statistical Institute, itself concluded in response to resolutions 64 (XXII) of 31 March 1966 and 75 (XXIII) of 17 April 1967 adopted by the Commission,

Noting also that the Institute, since the entry into force of the above Agreement, has been functioning under the Plan of Operation dated 1 May 1970 and subsequent project documents concluded between the host Government, ESCAP as the executing agency, the United Nations Development Programme as the funding agency, and other participating Governments,

Noting further that through Commission resolution 175 (XXXIII) of 29 April 1977, the Asian Statistical Institute was renamed the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific in order to reflect the change of designation of the geographical area covered by the Commission,

Recalling its resolution 134 (XXIX) of 21 April 1973, strongly recommending that the Institute become a permanent organization and continue to function as a regional institution supported by the United Nations,

Recalling also the Commission's request for the continuation of the Institute's activities after its sixth phase ending on 31 March 1995, as well as the Commission's view, expressed at its forty-ninth session, held in Bangkok in April 1993, that the Institute should be constituted on a more permanent basis,

Noting the strong institutional and operational links that the Institute has had during the past twenty-four years with the various bodies of the Commission, and with the members and associate members of the Commission, with the result that the Institute operates, in practice, similarly to a subsidiary body of ESCAP servicing the Asian and Pacific region as a whole, and in particular the developing countries,

Expressing its deep appreciation to the Government of Japan, other participating Governments and the United Nations Development Programme for their generous and continuing financial assistance to the Institute since its inception in May 1970,

Noting with satisfaction that the Institute has been conducting its operations entirely through voluntary contributions of extrabudgetary resources, with administrative and substantive backstopping to the Institute being provided by the ESCAP secretariat,

Desiring to provide the Institute with a durable institutional framework by according it such legal status as would allow members and associate members of the Commission to continue to improve, both qualitatively and quantitatively, statistical capabilities and statistical information in the countries of the region,

1. *Recommends* that the Institute should continue its operations as a regional institution and should acquire the legal status of one of the Commission's subsidiary bodies as of 1 April 1995, and that a statute should be considered at the fifty-first session of the Commission;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, in consultation, *inter alia*, with the Government of Japan

⁵ See para. 466 above.

and the United Nations Development Programme, to take the necessary action in that regard;

3. *Expresses its deep appreciation* to the Government of Japan for its generous offer to continue to serve as the host country to the Institute;

4. *Expresses its confidence* that the Institute will continue to function on a sound financial basis exclusively through voluntary contributions;

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its fifty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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50/6. Regional preparations for the World Summit for Social Development⁶

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 45/199 of 21 December 1990 on the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade,

Bearing in mind the Manila Declaration on a Social Development Strategy for the ESCAP Region Towards the Year 2000 and Beyond endorsed by the Commission in its resolution 48/5 of 23 April 1992,

Noting with concern that, despite relative improvements in the economic condition of some countries of the world, poverty continues to be prevalent in some parts of the Asian and Pacific region, resulting in particularly adverse conditions for such disadvantaged groups as women, children, disabled persons, ageing persons, minority groups, migrants and refugees,

Reiterating its commitment to the pursuit of social development in the Asian and Pacific region with a view to the eradication of poverty, the attainment of productive employment and social integration, the realization of basic human rights for all citizens and the fulfilment of the people's aspirations for social justice,

Mindful of the need for comprehensive and practical regional preparations for the World Summit for Social Development, to be convened in Copenhagen in 1995,

1. *Welcomes* the convening of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Conference in Preparation for the World Summit for Social Development, which will have among its tasks review and assessment of the progress achieved towards attaining the aims and objectives of the Manila Declaration on a Social Development Strategy

for the ESCAP Region Towards the Year 2000 and Beyond, which was adopted by the Fourth Asian and Pacific Ministerial Conference on Social Welfare and Social Development, held in Manila in 1991 and endorsed by the Commission at its forty-eighth session in 1992;

2. *Calls upon* all concerned donor countries, donor agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to provide financial and technical support for the regional preparations for the World Summit for Social Development;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report on the status of implementation of the Manila Declaration at the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Conference in Preparation for the World Summit for Social Development.

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50/7. Update of the Jakarta Plan of Action on Human Resources Development in the ESCAP Region⁷

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolution 274 (XLIV) of 20 April 1988 on the Jakarta Plan of Action on Human Resources Development in the ESCAP Region,

Recalling also its resolution 48/6 of 23 April 1992 on regional cooperation in the implementation of the Jakarta Plan of Action on Human Resources Development in the ESCAP Region, in which it requested, *inter alia*, that the Plan be refined, for consideration by the Commission at its fiftieth session, to take into account changing socio-economic conditions in the region,

Reaffirming its commitment to human resources development as an essential strategy for combating poverty in the region,

Recognizing that the further sustainable development of the Asian and Pacific region is closely dependent upon both the effective use of the region's human resources and their continued enrichment, through increased education, knowledge, skills and capabilities, improved health and nutritional status and health services, as well as other means,

Noting the importance that has been accorded by members and associate members to the Jakarta Plan of Action and the progress that has been achieved in its implementation,

⁶ See para. 338 above.

⁷ See para. 376 above.