

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.