

Chapter IV

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION AT ITS FIFTY-FIRST SESSION

51/1. Statute of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific¹

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolution 50/5 of 13 April 1994, in which it recommended that the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific be accorded the legal status of a subsidiary body of the Commission as of 1 April 1995, subject to the approval of the Economic and Social Council,

Recalling also that the Executive Secretary was requested to take the necessary action in that regard,

Noting with satisfaction the action taken by the Executive Secretary towards the implementation of that resolution,

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

Noting that the draft statute of the Institute was reviewed by the Committee on Statistics at its ninth session, held in Bangkok from 28 November to 2 December 1994,

1. *Adopts* the Statute of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific, the text of which is annexed to the present resolution;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to submit the Statute of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific to the Economic and Social Council for approval.

*12th meeting
1 May 1995*

Annex

STATUTE OF THE STATISTICAL INSTITUTE FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

1. ESTABLISHMENT, STATUS AND MEMBERSHIP

1.1 The Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (hereinafter referred to as "the Institute") has the status of a subsidiary body of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission") by virtue of Commission resolution 50/5 of 13 April 1994, and shall function under the terms of this Statute.

1.2 Participation in the training and other activities of the Institute is open to all members and associate members of the Commission.

2. OBJECTIVES AND FUNCTIONS

2.1 The Institute shall strengthen, through practically oriented training of official statisticians, the capability of the developing members and associate members and disadvantaged economies in transition of the region to collect, analyse and disseminate statistics as well as to produce timely and high-quality statistics that can be utilized for economic and social development planning, and shall assist those developing members and associate members and disadvantaged economies in transition in establishing or strengthening their statistical training capability and other related activities.

3. LOCATION OF THE INSTITUTE

3.1 The Institute shall be located in the Tokyo Metropolitan Area, Japan.

4. ORGANIZATION OF THE INSTITUTE

4.1 The Institute shall have a Governing Board (hereinafter referred to as "the Board") and a Director. The Institute shall have its own budget and staff.

4.2 The Financial and Staff Regulations of the United Nations shall apply to the Institute except as may otherwise be provided by the General Assembly. The Financial and Staff Rules and the administrative instructions of the United Nations shall apply to the Institute except as may otherwise be decided by the Secretary-General.

¹ See para. 421 above.

5. GOVERNING BOARD

5.1 The Board shall consist of a representative nominated by the host country of the Institute and eight representatives nominated by other members and associate members of ESCAP elected by the Commission. The Chairperson of the Committee on Statistics, or in her/his absence one of the Vice-Chairpersons, and the Executive Secretary or her/his representative(s) shall attend meetings of the Board in non-voting capacities. The Director of the Institute shall serve as Secretary of the Board.

5.2 Apart from the representative nominated by the host country of the Institute, the members of the Board shall be elected for a period of five years, but shall be eligible for re-election. The first election of members and associate members to the Board will be held at the Commission session in 1995.

5.3 Governments other than those specified in paragraph 5.1, as well as United Nations organs, international bodies and national organizations deemed appropriate by the Board, may be invited to attend its meetings as observers.

5.4 Sessions of the Board shall be convened by the Executive Secretary of ESCAP. The inaugural session shall be convened as soon as possible after the adoption of the Statute.

5.5 The Board shall meet at least once a year and shall adopt its own rules of procedure. The Board shall meet in special session whenever a majority of its members request the Executive Secretary of ESCAP to convene a special session.

5.6 A quorum for meetings of the Board shall be a majority of its members.

5.7 Each member of the Board shall have one vote. Decisions of the Board shall be made by consensus or, where this is not possible, by a majority of the members present and voting.

5.8 The Board shall at each regular session elect a chairperson and a vice-chairperson. They shall hold office until the next regular session of the Board. The chairperson or, in her/his absence, the vice-chairperson, shall preside at meetings of the Board.

5.9 The Board shall review the operations of the Institute and shall consider and adopt the annual and long-term programmes of work of the Institute. The Board shall submit an annual report on the implementation of programmes to the Commission at each of its sessions. The Board's reports shall also be submitted to the ESCAP Committee on Statistics at each of its sessions.

5.10 The Board shall take into account the recommendations of the Committee on Statistics on the nature of and priorities in statistical training for the countries of the region.

6. DIRECTOR AND STAFF

6.1 The Director shall be appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, after consultation with the Board, for a term in principle not exceeding five years. The staff of the Institute shall also be appointed by the Secretary-General. All appointments shall be fixed-term appointments limited to service with the Institute.

6.2 The Director shall administer and manage the affairs of the Institute within the guidelines laid down by the Board and shall be responsible to the Executive Secretary of ESCAP for the implementation of the work of the Institute. The Director shall be responsible for the safe custody, installation and maintenance, insurance and replacement, as required, of all equipment provided to the Institute other than equipment provided by the host Government.

6.3 The Director shall prepare and submit to the Board an annual report on the administration and financial status of the Institute and the implementation of its programmes.

7. FINANCIAL AND RELATED ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE INSTITUTE

7.1 The resources of the Institute shall consist of voluntary contributions in cash or in kind from:

- (a) The Government of Japan;
- (b) Other Governments;
- (c) United Nations bodies and specialized agencies;
- (d) Other sources.

7.2 A trust fund shall be established, under the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, for the receipt and administration of financial resources.

7.3 The Commission, recognizing that the financial viability of the Institute is the responsibility of its members and associate members, shall at each session review the state of the resources of the Institute on the basis of the report of the Board and make such recommendations as it may deem appropriate, to ensure that timely and adequate resources are always available to the Institute and its programmes.

7.4 The Institute shall be administered on a sound economic and financial basis.

8. RELATIONS WITH UNITED NATIONS BODIES AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

8.1 The Institute may establish and maintain such relations as it may deem appropriate with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies and other international institutions.