

51/3. Organization of annual sessions of the Commission³

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolutions 143 (XXX) of 5 April 1974, 210 (XXXVI) of 29 March 1980, 262 (XLIII) of 30 April 1987, and 47/3 of 10 April 1991, on the conference structure of the Commission,

Recalling also its resolution 48/2 of 23 April 1992 on restructuring the conference structure of the Commission, by which it established the thematic committees and special bodies subsidiary to the Commission and the frequency of their meetings,

Noting its continuing efforts to enhance the effectiveness of its work and to streamline the arrangements for that purpose,

Noting also the document on the organization of future sessions of the Commission (E/ESCAP/1010), together with its annex, containing recommendations of the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission on the subject,

1. *Decides* to meet annually for up to seven working days, with the last three days meeting at the ministerial level, to discuss and decide upon important issues concerning economic and social development in the region, to endorse the recommendations of its subsidiary bodies and of the Executive Secretary, to examine and approve the programme of work and to take any other decisions required, in conformity with its terms of reference;

2. *Decides further* to upgrade the Informal Working Group on Draft Resolutions to enable it to function along with the three Committees of the Whole, so as to facilitate its deliberations on and consideration of the issues before it, with the proviso that no more than three meetings can take place simultaneously;

3. *Endorses* the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, as contained in the document on the organization of future sessions of the Commission, together with the annex, taking into account the views of the secretariat expressed therein, for implementation in accordance with the terms of reference and rules of procedure of the Commission;

4. *Decides* to review the new arrangement for holding its sessions, along with the review of the conference structure established by resolution 48/2, at the fifty-third session of the Commission;

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to include a review of the implementation of the present resolution in the report to be prepared by the secretariat on resolution 48/2, for consideration by the Commission at its fifty-third session.

*12th meeting
1 May 1995*

51/4. Agenda for Action on Social Development in the ESCAP Region⁴

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 47/92 of 16 December 1992 on the convening of a world summit for social development,

Recalling also Commission resolution 48/5 of 23 April 1992 on the Social Development Strategy for the ESCAP Region Towards the Year 2000 and Beyond, and the decision, at its forty-ninth session, to convene in 1994 a regional ministerial conference in preparation for the World Summit for Social Development,

Convinced that economic growth, social progress and peace are interdependent and mutually reinforcing elements of sustained and equitable development, which must serve as a comprehensive framework for all efforts to achieve a higher quality of life for the people of Asia and the Pacific,

Reaffirming its commitment to accord priority to the alleviation of poverty, the expansion of productive employment and the enhancement of social integration throughout the region,

Recognizing the need for an integrated, multisectoral approach, through comprehensive policies and programmes, and adequate resources, to address the multitude of interrelated social and economic issues confronting development policy makers and planners in the Asian and Pacific region,

Acknowledging the importance of identifying specific social development objectives, and setting attainable social development goals and targets, as a basis for effective action towards the eradication of poverty, the expansion of productive employment and the enhancement of social integration throughout the region,

1. *Welcomes* the Manila Declaration on the Agenda for Action on Social Development in the ESCAP Region, adopted by the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Conference in Preparation for the World Summit for Social Development, held in Manila from 12 to 18 October 1994, and endorses the Agenda for Action on Social Development annexed to that Declaration;

2. *Welcomes also* the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Summit for Social Development, convened in Copenhagen from 6 to 12 March 1995, noting in particular the decisions and recommendations contained therein pertaining specifically to the regional commissions;

³ See para. 556 above.

⁴ See para. 316 above.