

Chapter IV

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION AT ITS FIFTY-SECOND SESSION

52/1. Preparation for the review of the conference structure of the Commission¹

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 concerning the conference structure of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling also its resolution 48/2 of 23 April 1992 on restructuring the conference structure of the Commission, in particular its decision "to review the conference structure of the Commission, including its thematic priorities and its subsidiary structure, no later than at the fifty-third session of the Commission",

Recognizing the increased responsibilities of the Commission, which comprises a geographical area with 62 per cent of the world's population and with many developing members and associate members, among which are least developed, landlocked and island developing economies and disadvantaged economies in transition with special needs,

Recognizing also the comparative advantage of the Commission in the exercise of its role as the main general economic and social development centre of the United Nations system for the Asian and Pacific region,

Mindful of the desire of members and associate members of the Commission to maximize the effectiveness of its conference structure,

Mindful also of the desire of the General Assembly for further reform towards a more efficient organization, and of the financial constraints faced by the United Nations,

1. *Acknowledges* the need for a comprehensive and thorough preparation for the review of the conference structure of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific which is to be undertaken at its fifty-third session and which provides a valuable opportunity to reassess the Commission's orientation of work and output against the needs and priorities of the region while keeping in view the comparative advantage of the Commission;

2. *Welcomes* the preparations initiated by the Executive Secretary to facilitate the comprehensive review by the Commission of its conference structure, including the thematic approach and priorities in relation to the programme of work of the Commission while at the same time keeping in view the resources available to it, including any possibility of new sources of funding;

3. *Requests* the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission to undertake an independent review of the conference structure of the Commission which would take into account the progress made in the preparatory exercise referred to in paragraph 2 above and which would provide the Advisory Committee's own recommendations in this regard;

4. Requests the Executive Secretary:

(a) To consult the Advisory Committee, as appropriate, in undertaking the preparatory exercise referred to in paragraph 2 above;

(b) To convene a regional preparatory meeting in Bangkok by February 1997 to discuss, *inter alia*, the outcome of the secretariat's preparatory exercise and the Advisory Committee's recommendations, in preparation for the review of the conference structure of the Commission, and to submit his report to the Commission at its fifty-third session.

*13th meeting
24 April 1996*

52/2. Shanghai symposium to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of ESCAP²

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Noting that the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at Shanghai, China, will fall in 1997,

Acknowledging the impressive contribution of ESCAP, since its founding, to the social and economic development of its members and associate members and the positive role that it has played in fostering economic and social cooperation in the Asian and Pacific region,

¹ See para. 71 above.

² See para. 319 above.