

benchmarks for monitoring, and include proposals for allocating or reallocating resources for implementation;

(b) By strengthening national machineries for the advancement of women to enhance their effectiveness in promoting mainstreaming of gender concerns into policy formulation and planning for national development;

(c) By promoting measures to alleviate and eradicate the feminization of poverty which was recognized as a critical area of concern in the Jakarta Declaration and Plan of Action and in the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action;

(d) By promoting active support and community participation at all levels and of all concerned partners in civil society, including non-governmental organizations;

2. *Urges also* all donor countries, local and national governments, the private sector, funding agencies and regional and international financial institutions to assist developing countries, particularly the least developed, landlocked and island developing economies and the disadvantaged economies in transition, in implementing the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the Jakarta Declaration and Plan of Action;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To provide support to national efforts, as required, for the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action in coordination with the Jakarta Declaration and Plan of Action;

(b) To mainstream women's issues and gender perspectives into the Commission's programme of work and to promote intersectoral collaboration;

(c) To continue to play a coordinating role through the Regional Inter-agency Committee for Asia and the Pacific and its Subcommittee on the Advancement of Women in Asia and the Pacific to ensure inter-agency cooperation and collaboration in the region, and to cooperate with subregional organizations and relevant regional institutions in Asia and the Pacific;

(d) To urge developing countries in the Asian and Pacific region to contribute resources, financial and/or technical expertise within the framework of technical cooperation among developing countries;

(e) To conduct a regional review and follow-up of the Jakarta Declaration and Plan of Action to be utilized as inputs for the review of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action;

4. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its fifty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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52/4. Promoting human resources development among youth in Asia and the Pacific⁴

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 50/81 of 14 December 1995, in which the Assembly adopted the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond,

Recalling also Commission resolution 50/7 of 13 April 1994, in which the Commission adopted the Jakarta Plan of Action on Human Resources Development in the ESCAP Region, as revised in 1994,

Bearing in mind that youth constitute a substantial portion of the region's population, that their productive skills and constructive social participation will determine the pace and pattern of the region's further progress and that their human resources development therefore requires priority attention,

Expressing appreciation to the Governments of Japan and the Netherlands, as well as to the Christian Conference of Asia, for their financial support of the activities of the Commission to promote human resources development among youth,

Welcoming the offer of the Government of China to host a regional meeting of senior officials in 1996 to consider the means of launching the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond in Asia and the Pacific,

1. *Calls upon* members and associate members to promote human resources development among youth in Asia and the Pacific by integrating the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond into their youth policies, plans and programmes;

2. *Urges* donor Governments and agencies to provide technical and financial resources in support of the regional implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth;

3. *Invites* concerned non-governmental organizations and private enterprises to collaborate with Governments, as well as with the Commission, in promoting human resources development among youth in Asia and the Pacific;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To convene a regional meeting of senior officials in 1996, within available resources, to consider the means of promoting human resources development among youth through the implementation in Asia and the Pacific of the World Programme of Action for Youth;

⁴ See para. 186 above.

(b) To prepare, as an input to that regional meeting, a comprehensive survey of the youth situation and human resources development policies, plans and programmes for youth in Asia and the Pacific;

(c) To provide advisory services to members and associate members in the formulation of their policies, plans and programmes to enhance youth skills and promote youth participation in development;

(d) To conduct a series of training activities directed at youth work personnel to enhance youth skills for productive employment and youth participation in community development;

(e) To assist members and associate members, where necessary, beginning with the countries of Indo-China, in designing their youth policy frameworks and contributing to the implementation of those policy frameworks, taking into account the resources available;

(f) To prepare a report on the implementation of the present resolution for consideration by the Commission at its fifty-fourth session.

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52/5. Regional cooperation in response to the spread and consequences of the human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immune deficiency syndrome in the Asian and Pacific region⁵

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Expressing concern over the human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immune deficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) epidemic in Asia and the Pacific,

Recognizing the profound adverse effects of that epidemic on the economic and social development of the region,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolutions 1994/24 of 26 July 1994 and 1995/2 of 3 July 1995 on the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS,

Recalling also Commission resolution 49/9 of 29 April 1993 on the eradication of preventable diseases in the Asian and Pacific region as a component of social and economic development, and resolution 51/10 of 1 May 1995 on regional cooperation for the eradication of the demand for drugs subject to abuse and related problems,

Recalling further that the Agenda for Action on Social Development in the ESCAP Region, endorsed by the Commission in its resolution 51/4 of 1 May 1995, identifies the prevention of HIV/AIDS as a major social issue in this region, and noting that its causes and consequences must be considered within the broader economic and social context,

Convinced that the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Asia and Pacific must be addressed at the regional level because of the need to develop a comprehensive and coordinated regional prevention strategy to counter the widespread transmission of the virus across national borders,

Recognizing that effective HIV/AIDS prevention strategies need to be based on up-to-date area-specific information, and that specific strategies are required for HIV/AIDS prevention, including intercountry coordination and monitoring and evaluation mechanisms between countries with common borders,

Recalling the initiatives taken by ESCAP to promote regional cooperation for the prevention of HIV/AIDS, particularly its activities on the development of community-based approaches and cross-border collaboration for HIV/AIDS risk reduction related to drug abuse such as that which resulted in the Kunming Communiqué on Cross-border Collaboration for Drug Demand Reduction and HIV/AIDS Prevention,

1. *Urges* all members and associate members of the Commission to accord high priority to the development and implementation of effective policies, programmes and strategies for the prevention of the spread of the human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immune deficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS), with emphasis on community-based action and cross-border collaboration between those countries whose border areas are particularly affected;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to undertake further initiatives, subject to the availability of resources and in collaboration with the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS and other concerned United Nations bodies and agencies and subregional intergovernmental organizations, to promote regional cooperation to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS, including the development of area-specific information systems and of effective community-based strategies for HIV/AIDS prevention, and the establishment of mechanisms for cross-border collaboration;

3. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its fifty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution and on proposed follow-up measures.

⁵ See para. 183 above.

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