

Reiterating the strong interest of members and associate members in participating in the cooperative activities that will emerge from phase II of the Regional Space Applications Programme and their commitment to contribute to those activities,

Recognizing the essential role of space technologies and their applications in environment and natural resources management, food security and agricultural systems, capacity-building, human resources development and education, poverty alleviation, natural disaster reduction, health care and hygiene, and sustainable development planning towards improving the quality of life,

Recalling the efforts of the Commission in promoting space applications for sustainable development in the region and its commitment to continue to play a pivotal and catalytic role in that regard,

1. *Endorses* the recommendations of the Second Ministerial Conference on Space Applications for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific, held in New Delhi in November 1999;

2. *Also endorses* the Delhi Declaration on Space Technology Applications in Asia and the Pacific for Improved Quality of Life in the New Millennium, and the Strategy and Action Plan on Space Technology Applications for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific for the New Millennium, which were adopted at the Conference;

3. *Calls for* the early implementation of the Delhi Declaration, the Strategy and Action Plan and other recommendations of the Conference;

4. *Encourages* all members and associate members to participate actively in phase II of the Regional Space Applications Programme for Sustainable Development and to initiate effective national implementation of the Strategy and Action Plan;

5. *Recommends* that the Intergovernmental Consultative Committee on the Regional Space Applications Programme for Sustainable Development, under the purview of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Development, should advise as appropriate on the implementation of the Programme, and invites members and associate members to enhance their representation on the Intergovernmental Consultative Committee;

6. *Invites* all United Nations bodies and agencies concerned, and multilateral donors and international agencies, to provide technical and financial support for the implementation of the recommendations of the Second Ministerial Conference, the Delhi Declaration, and the Strategy and Action Plan envisaged for phase II of the Regional Space Applications Programme;

7. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To accord due priority to the activities proposed in the Strategy and Action Plan and to incorporate the Regional Space Applications Programme in the biennial programmes of work;

(b) To strengthen the capability of the secretariat, subject to the availability of resources, to support the regional cooperative network towards successful implementation of the Strategy and Action Plan;

(c) To mobilize resources for technical cooperation activities in line with the recommendations of the Second Ministerial Conference, the Delhi Declaration and the Strategy and Action Plan;

(d) To report to the Commission at its fifty-ninth session on the implementation of these recommendations.

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56/4. Promotion of a sustainable energy future for small island states⁴

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Noting the call for the achievement of a sustainable energy future for all by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1992, and the subsequent nineteenth special session of the General Assembly, held in New York in 1997,

Recognizing that the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, held in Bridgetown, Barbados, from 25 April to 6 May 1994, had translated Agenda 21 into specific policies, actions and measures to be taken at the national, regional and international levels to enable small island developing states to achieve sustainable development,

Concerned about the continuing economic and environmental vulnerability of small island states and their energy sector in particular,

Recalling the Declaration of Barbados, adopted at the Conference, which recognized that the international community had a responsibility to facilitate the efforts of small island developing states to minimize the stress on their fragile ecosystems, including through cooperative action and partnership,

Noting the call in the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, also adopted at the Conference, to gather and disseminate information, and promote regional cooperation and technical exchanges among small island developing states on energy-sector issues, including new and renewable sources of energy,

⁴ See paragraph 74 above.

Noting also the communiqué from the Third Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the Alliance of Small Island States, adopted on 25 September 1999, which emphasized the need for the international community to assist small island developing states in advancing their sustainable development strategies, including, in particular, in the areas of renewable energy,

Noting further that the report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the twenty-second special session of the General Assembly, held in New York on 27 and 28 September 1999, called for the implementation in small island developing states of the best practices for achieving clean, sustainable energy resources and the encouragement of private sector involvement in the use of renewable energy resources and innovative financing schemes with a view to longer-term self-sufficiency in energy resources,

Noting that the report to the Preparatory Meeting of Senior Officials for the Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific repeatedly emphasized the need for the development of environmentally and economically sustainable renewable energy resources throughout the ESCAP region,

Noting also the call by the Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries at its sixth session, held in Bangkok on 30 and 31 May 2000, for the pursuit of clean and renewable energy technologies for the provision of future energy needs in the Pacific region,

Recognizing that the location, small size and dispersion of the island countries of the ESCAP region make the continued or expanded use of imported energy resources and technologies comparatively expensive,

Requests the Executive Secretary:

(a) To facilitate the exchange of experiences and information among members and associate members on the efficient use of energy and the enhanced application of appropriate renewable energy technologies for small island states;

(b) To convene an expert-level meeting to review ongoing initiatives and develop a programme of pilot and demonstration projects in the small island states;

(c) To assist the small island member and associate member governments and participating agencies in securing the resources needed for the implementation of the programme or individual elements thereof;

(d) To provide ad hoc advisory services and facilitate other forms of assistance to small island member and associate member governments to support national and subregional group training and capacity-

building initiatives for the promotion of renewable energy and its efficient use;

(e) To report to the Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries at its seventh session, and to the Commission at its fifty-eighth session, on progress in the implementation of the present resolution, with recommendations for further action.

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56/5. Impending retirement of Mr Adrianus Mooy, Executive Secretary of the Commission

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Aware that the fifty-sixth session will be the final session attended by Mr Adrianus Mooy in his capacity as Executive Secretary,

Recognizing the contributions and distinguished service which he has rendered in his role as head of the Commission secretariat,

Noting with appreciation the changes which he has brought to the work of the Commission, in particular on the reform of the conference, programme and secretariat structures,

Acknowledging the support which he has given to the further strengthening of regional and subregional cooperation among the members and associate members of the Commission, as well as to the promotion of interregional cooperation,

Acknowledging further his efforts to promote closer collaboration with the Bretton Woods institutions and the Asian Development Bank in the wake of the Asian economic and financial crisis,

1. *Wishes* to extend a profound tribute to him for his contributions to the work of the secretariat during his years as Executive Secretary;

2. *Expresses* its deep gratitude for the assistance that his leadership has given towards the economic and social development of the region;

3. *Conveys* to the Secretary-General of the United Nations its appreciation of the services rendered by Mr Mooy in a manner fulfilling all the ideals of the international civil service;

4. *Extends* its sincere wishes for his health and happiness in the years ahead.

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