

(d) To encourage members and associate members to promote intercountry and cross-border action to mitigate the spread of HIV/AIDS among mobile and other vulnerable populations, including refugees, internally displaced people, migrant and transient workers, seafarers, truck drivers and students;

(e) To encourage the efforts of members and associate members to implement multisectoral approaches to address HIV/AIDS;

(f) To promote human resources development efforts in public education, and legal measures and psychosocial support mechanisms to eliminate stigma and discrimination;

(g) To develop new prevention strategies to reach those members of the general population who engage in casual sex, particularly young people who are sexually active;

(h) To continue to recognize HIV/AIDS as a major concern for the Commission, by reporting to it annually on the progress of efforts arising from the implementation of the present resolution;

4. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To seek extrabudgetary resources, where appropriate, to provide technical assistance and other means of support for efforts to combat the spread of HIV/AIDS in countries and areas of the ESCAP region, particularly the developing and least developed among them;

(b) To bring the present resolution to the attention of the special session of the General Assembly on HIV/AIDS, as a basis for the preparation of the draft declaration of commitment and other preparatory activities related to the special session, with a view to presenting issues of concern and mobilizing support for the Asian and Pacific region.

*5th meeting
25 April 2001*

57/2. Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific, 2000²

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Noting with satisfaction the successful organization of the Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific, 2000, held in Kitakyushu, Japan, from 31 August to 5 September 2000, which adopted the Ministerial Declaration on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific, 2000, the Regional Action Programme for Environmentally Sound and Sustainable Development, 2001-2005, the Regional Message for the 10-year Review of the Implementation of the Outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, and the Kitakyushu Initiative for a Clean Environment,

Considering that economic development, social development and environmental protection are interdependent and mutually reinforcing components of sustainable development, within the framework of which efforts are being made to achieve a higher quality of life for people in Asia and the Pacific, with a special focus on women and children,

Recognizing the need for an integrated, multisectoral approach through comprehensive policies and programmes and adequate resources to address the environment and development issues confronting policy planners and decision makers in Asia and the Pacific,

Recognizing also the strong interest of members and associate members in the regional and subregional cooperation activities that will be carried out in the follow-up to the Ministerial Conference,

1. *Welcomes with great satisfaction* the recommendations of the Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific, 2000, including the Ministerial Declaration on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific, 2000, the Regional Action Programme for Environmentally Sound and Sustainable Development, 2001-2005, the Regional Message for the 10-year Review of the Implementation of the Outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, and the Kitakyushu Initiative for a Clean Environment, and calls for their early implementation;

2. *Requests* all members and associate members to participate actively in the implementation of the recommendations of the Ministerial Conference as follows:

(a) To ensure the formulation of programmes to implement the Regional Action Programme, 2001-2005 at the local, national and regional levels, acknowledging that the major role for the implementation of the Regional Action Programme lies with national governments, individually and collectively;

(b) To encourage their local governments to participate in the activities to implement the Kitakyushu Initiative for a Clean Environment, including the establishment of the Kitakyushu Initiative Network for a Clean Environment;

(c) To communicate information on the state of implementation of such programmes and activities to assist the ESCAP secretariat in conducting the necessary review and assessment of the progress made in the implementation of the recommendations of the Ministerial Conference;

3. *Also requests* all United Nations bodies and specialized agencies concerned, multilateral financial institutions, donor countries and agencies, as well as non-governmental organizations, to contribute technical and financial resources as much as possible to implement the recommendations of the Ministerial Conference;

² See paragraph 192 above.

4. *Calls upon* the members of the Regional Coordination Meeting Thematic Working Group on Environment and Development to play an effective role in the implementation of the Regional Action Programme, 2001-2005, as well as its special implementation mechanism, the Kitakyushu Initiative for a Clean Environment, as coordinators of areas identified by the Regional Coordination Meeting;

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To mobilize both human and financial resources as much as possible for the implementation of the recommendations of the Ministerial Conference;

(b) To ensure effective coordination and joint pursuit of the activities of all concerned United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, as well as non-governmental organizations, in facilitating and monitoring the implementation of the recommendations of the Ministerial Conference;

(c) To encourage the active participation of all stakeholders, including non-governmental organizations, research and academic societies, the private sector, local communities, and youth and women's groups, in different phases and aspects of the implementation of the recommendations of the Ministerial Conference;

(d) To include in the agenda of the fourth session of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Development, to be held in 2002, a midterm review and assessment of the progress achieved in the implementation of the recommendations of the Ministerial Conference and to report to the Commission at its fifty-ninth session, as well as to conduct yearly reviews at the Committee sessions, as necessary.

*5th meeting
25 April 2001*

57/3. Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly³

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolution 52/3 of 24 April 1996 on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women, in which the Commission requested the Executive Secretary 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 for the Advancement of Women in Asia and the Pacific,

Cognizant of General Assembly resolution 55/71 of 4 December 2000 on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century", namely the "Political declaration" and "Further actions and initiatives to implement the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action",

Recalling Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) of 31 October 2000 on women, peace and security, in which the Council reaffirmed the important role of women in the prevention, management and resolution of conflicts and in peace-building,

Noting the recommendations of the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting to Review Regional Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action, held from 26 to 29 October 1999, in pursuance of Commission resolution 50/4 of 13 April 1994 on regional preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women, 1995: Second Asian and Pacific Ministerial Conference on Women in Development, 1994, which contained key actions and initiatives to accelerate regional implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and which constituted the regional input to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly,

Also noting that civil society, in particular non-governmental organizations, fully participated in the regional preparatory process for the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly through parallel activities and direct involvement in contributing to the assessment of the implementation and development of regional strategies for further action,

Recognizing with satisfaction the outcome of the Expert Group Meeting to Strategize on the Regional Implementation of the Outcome Document of the Global Review of the Beijing Platform for Action, held from 3 November to 1 December 2000, which distilled the regional dimensions of the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly; undertook regional prioritization of the persistent issues, concerns and emerging challenges; and identified the modalities, measures and strategies that were relevant to the Asian and Pacific region,

Welcoming the establishment of the Regional Coordination Meeting Thematic Working Group on Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality,

Stressing the need to integrate a gender perspective into the coordinated and integrated follow-up and implementation of the outcome of major United Nations conferences and summits and their regional and global reviews,

³ See paragraph 232 above.