

(e) To continue to show special concern for disadvantaged groups, such as women, children, disabled persons, indigenous groups and people in mountainous and remote areas, in the process of development of the programme of work for 2003.

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58/3. World Summit on Sustainable Development³

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Considering that the World Summit on Sustainable Development will provide a significant opportunity to galvanize global action towards the full and effective implementation of Agenda 21, the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development and other outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, held at Rio de Janeiro from 3 to 14 June 1992, as well as the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21, adopted by the General Assembly at its nineteenth special session, held in June 1997,

Recalling paragraph 22 of the United Nations Millennium Declaration, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/2 of 8 September 2000, which reaffirms global support for the principles of sustainable development, including those set out in Agenda 21,

Noting with satisfaction the regional preparatory process for the World Summit on Sustainable Development, culminating in the successful organization of the High-level Regional Meeting for the World Summit on Sustainable Development, which adopted the Phnom Penh Regional Platform on Sustainable Development for Asia and the Pacific,

Recognizing the importance of regional and subregional cooperation in pursuit of sustainable development and in the follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development,

Recognizing also the emphasis on strengthening sustainable development governance and the role which the regional commissions could play in effectively pursuing action to meet sustainable development needs at the regional level,

Further recognizing the importance of strengthening the role of ESCAP in implementing, coordinating and monitoring the progress in the implementation of Agenda 21, as highlighted at the High-level Regional Meeting,

1. *Welcomes with satisfaction* the outcome of the High-level Regional Meeting for the World Summit on Sustainable Development, namely, the Phnom Penh Regional Platform on Sustainable

Development for Asia and the Pacific, and calls for its early implementation;

2. *Requests* all members and associate members to participate actively in the implementation of the seven initiatives identified in the Phnom Penh Regional Platform: capacity-building for sustainable development; poverty reduction for sustainable development; cleaner production and sustainable energy; land management and biodiversity conservation; protection and management of and access to freshwater resources; oceans, coastal and marine resources and sustainable development of small island States; and action on atmosphere and climate change;

3. *Appeals* to all United Nations bodies and specialized agencies concerned, subregional organizations, regional development banks and multilateral financial institutions, donor countries and agencies, and non-governmental organizations to contribute technical and financial resources to implement the outcome of the High-level Regional Meeting;

4. *Urges* all members and associate members to participate actively and fully in the World Summit on Sustainable Development, in accordance with the decision of the High-level Regional Meeting, at the highest level and encourages them to seek the support of the Summit in the implementation of the seven initiatives contained in the Phnom Penh Regional Platform;

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To mobilize both technical and financial assistance for the implementation of the seven initiatives contained in the Phnom Penh Regional Platform;

(b) To enhance intraregional cooperation and coordination with all concerned United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, subregional organizations, regional development banks and non-governmental organizations to develop or enhance regional sustainable development strategies and action plans that reflect regional priorities;

(c) To strengthen the role of the Commission in implementing, coordinating and monitoring the implementation of Agenda 21 and, in particular, the implementation of the seven initiatives contained in the Phnom Penh Regional Platform;

(d) To carry out regular review and assessment of the progress achieved in the implementation of the Phnom Penh Regional Platform as well as follow-up to the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, and to report to the Commission as well as to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Development, as necessary.

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³ See paragraphs 107 to 109 and 194 above.