

Cooperation, held in Almaty, Kazakhstan, on 28 and 29 August 2003, and acknowledging that the Asian Highway network provides transit transport opportunities,

Expressing its appreciation to the Government of Japan for its valuable support for the development and formalization of the Asian Highway network and for the assistance which it provided in preparing for and convening the Intergovernmental Meeting,

Also expressing its appreciation to the Government of China for hosting the signing ceremony for the Agreement in Shanghai on 26 April 2004,

Convinced that the Agreement will strengthen relations between member countries, promote international trade and tourism through coordinated development of the Asian Highway network and have a substantial positive impact on the region by achieving internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/2 of 8 September 2000,

1. *Invites* all the relevant members of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific to become parties to the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Asian Highway Network in order to ensure the speedy entry into force of the Agreement;

2. *Also invites* the international and regional financing institutions and multilateral and bilateral donors to provide financial and technical support for the development of the Asian Highway network and related infrastructure, particularly taking into account the special needs of landlocked developing countries;

3. *Further invites* subregional organizations to promote the Agreement and accord priority to the development of the Asian Highway network in their respective subregions;

4. *Encourages* landlocked developing countries and their transit neighbours that are members of ESCAP to enter into bilateral or subregional transit traffic facilitation agreements which will enable the Asian Highway network to provide further tangible transit transport opportunities within the scope of the Almaty Programme of Action;

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To assist member countries in becoming parties to the Agreement;

(b) To accord priority to the development of the Asian Highway network within the ESCAP work programme;

(c) To collaborate effectively with international and regional financing institutions, multilateral and bilateral donors and subregional organizations for the development of the Asian Highway network;

(d) To effectively discharge the functions of the secretariat of the Agreement;

(e) To report to the Commission at its sixty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution.

5th meeting
28 April 2004

60/5. Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Secondary Crops Development in Asia and the Pacific⁶

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolutions 174 (XXXIII) of 29 April 1977 and 220 (XXXVIII) of 1 April 1982 on the Regional Coordination Centre for Research and Development of Coarse Grains, Pulses, Roots and Tuber Crops in the Humid Tropics of Asia and the Pacific,

Also recalling the host country agreement between the Government of Indonesia and the United Nations, signed on 29 April 1981, and the establishment of the Centre with effect from that date,

Noting with appreciation the significant financial resources that have been provided to the Centre, since its establishment, by the Government of Japan, and the facilities that have been provided by the Government of Indonesia,

Taking into account the recommendations of the evaluation of the Centre carried out in 2003 and the need to integrate the work of the Centre into the ESCAP programme of work,

Noting the decisions of the Governing Board of the Centre at its twenty-second session, held in Bogor, Indonesia, on 15 and 16 January 2004, to further align the programme of work of the Centre with ESCAP priorities and to discuss a possible change of name and terms of reference for the Centre,

Also noting the endorsement of the draft Statute by the Governing Board of the Centre, at its extraordinary session held at Bangkok on 22 March 2004,

Adopts the Statute of the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Secondary Crops Development in Asia and the Pacific, the text of which is annexed to the present resolution.

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⁶ See paragraphs 292 and 293 above.

**STATUTE OF THE CENTRE FOR ALLEVIATION OF
POVERTY THROUGH SECONDARY CROPS
DEVELOPMENT IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC**

Establishment

1. The Regional Coordination Centre for Research and Development of Coarse Grains, Pulses, Roots and Tuber Crops in the Humid Tropics of Asia and the Pacific (hereinafter referred to as “CGPRT Centre”), established in April 1981 pursuant to Commission resolution 174 (XXXIII) of 29 April 1977 and its Statute adopted by Commission resolution 220 (XXXVIII) of 1 April 1982, shall continue in existence under the title “Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Secondary Crops Development in Asia and the Pacific” (hereinafter referred to as “CAPSA” or “the Centre”) and under the terms of the present Statute.
2. The membership of CAPSA is identical to the membership of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (hereinafter referred to as “ESCAP” or “the Commission”).
3. The Centre has the status of a subsidiary body of ESCAP.

Objective

4. The objective of CAPSA is to promote a more supportive policy environment in member countries to enhance the living conditions of rural poor populations in disadvantaged areas, particularly those who rely on secondary crops agriculture for their livelihood, and to promote research and development related to agriculture to alleviate poverty in the Asian and Pacific region.

Functions

5. The Centre will achieve the above objective by undertaking such functions as:
 - Coordination of socio-economic and policy research on secondary crops
 - Networking and partnership with other international organizations and key stakeholders
 - Research and analysis of trends and opportunities with regard to improving the economic status of rural populations
 - Production, packaging and dissemination of information and successful practices on poverty reduction
 - Dissemination of information and good practices on poverty reduction measures
 - Training of national personnel, particularly national scientists and policy analysts
 - Advisory services

Status and organization

6. CAPSA shall have a Governing Council (hereinafter referred to as “the Council”), a Director and staff, and a Technical Committee.
7. CAPSA is located in Bogor, Indonesia.
8. The activities of CAPSA shall be in line with relevant policy decisions adopted by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission. CAPSA shall be subject to the Financial and Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations and the applicable administrative instructions.

Governing Council

9. The Centre shall have a Governing Council consisting of a representative nominated by the Government of Indonesia and eight representatives of members and associate members of ESCAP elected by the Commission. The members and associate members elected by the Commission shall be elected for a period of three years but shall be eligible for re-election. The Executive Secretary or his/her representative shall attend meetings of the Council.
10. The Director of the Centre shall serve as Secretary of the Council.
11. Representatives of (a) States that are not members of the Council, (b) United Nations bodies and specialized and related agencies and (c) such other organizations as the Council may deem appropriate as well as experts in fields of interest to the Council may be invited by the Executive Secretary to attend meetings of the Council.
12. The Council shall meet at least once a year and may adopt its own rules of procedure. Sessions of the Council shall be convened by the Executive Secretary of ESCAP, who may propose special sessions of the Council at his/her own initiative and shall convene such special sessions at the request of a majority of Council members.
13. A quorum for meetings of the Council shall be a majority of its members.
14. Each member of the Council shall have one vote. Decisions and recommendations of the Council shall be made by consensus or, where this is not possible, by a majority of the members present and voting.
15. The Council shall, at each regular session, elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. They shall hold office until the next regular session of the Council. The Chairperson or, in his/her absence, the Vice-Chairperson shall preside at meetings of the Council. If the Chairperson is unable to serve for the full term for which he/she has been elected, the Vice-Chairperson shall act as Chairperson for the remainder of that term.
16. The Council shall review the administration and financial status of CAPSA and the implementation of its programme of work. The Executive Secretary

shall submit an annual report, as adopted by the Council, to the Commission at its annual sessions.

Director and staff

17. CAPSA shall have a Director and staff, who shall be ESCAP staff members appointed under the appropriate United Nations regulations, rules and administrative instructions. The Director shall be appointed in a manner consistent with United Nations regulations and rules. The Council will be invited to nominate candidates for the position of Director, once the vacancy is announced, and provide advice, as appropriate. Other members and associate members of the Commission may also submit nominations for the post.

18. The Director shall be responsible to the Executive Secretary of ESCAP for the administration of CAPSA and the implementation of its programme of work.

Technical Committee

19. CAPSA shall have a Technical Committee consisting of experts from members and associate members of ESCAP and from intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations. Members of the Technical Committee shall be appointed by the Director in consultation with the Executive Secretary.

20. The Technical Committee shall be responsible for advising the Director on the formulation of the programme of work and on other technical matters concerning the operations of CAPSA.

21. Reports of meetings of the Technical Committee, and the Director's observations with respect thereto, shall be submitted to the Council at its next session.

22. The Chairman of the Technical Committee shall be elected by the Committee itself at each meeting.

Resources of the Centre

23. All members and associate members of ESCAP should be urged to make a regular annual contribution to the operations of the Centre. The United Nations shall administer a joint contribution trust fund in which these contributions shall be deposited.

24. The Centre will endeavour to mobilize sufficient resources to support its activities.

25. The United Nations shall maintain separate trust funds for voluntary contributions for technical cooperation projects or other extraordinary voluntary contributions for the activities of CAPSA.

26. The financial resources of CAPSA shall be administered in accordance with the United Nations Financial Regulations and Rules.

Amendments

27. Amendments to the present Statute shall be adopted by the Commission.

Matters not covered by this Statute

28. In the event of any procedural matter arising that is not covered by this Statute or rules of procedure adopted by the Governing Council under paragraph 12 of this Statute, the pertinent part of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific shall apply.

Entry into force

29. The present Statute shall enter into force on the date of its adoption by the Commission. Members and associate members elected to the Governing Board of the former CGPRT Centre at the fifty-ninth session of the Commission will serve as members of the Governing Council of CAPSA until the sixty-second session of the Commission, in 2006.

60/6. Revitalization of the United Nations ESCAP Pacific Operations Centre⁷

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its earlier resolutions on the Commission's activities in the Pacific, in particular resolutions 237 (XL) of 27 April 1984 on institutional changes to increase the effectiveness of the Commission's role in the economic and social development of Pacific island developing countries, 269 (XLIV) of 20 April 1988 committing ESCAP to take special measures in favour of the Pacific island developing countries and increase the relevance and effectiveness of the Commission's role and activities in the Pacific and 48/9 of 23 April 1992 on redeployment of staffing resources to strengthen the advisory capacity of the Pacific Operations Centre in the fields of economic and financial management, social development and market development and trade,

Also recalling its resolution 58/1 of 22 May 2002 on restructuring the conference structure of the Commission, in particular annex VI, by which it revised and focused the terms of reference of the Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries to undertake periodic reviews and analyses of special problems of Pacific island developing countries and territories, so as to mobilize ideas for promoting policy options to maximize the benefits they obtain from globalization, assist in strengthening their capacity to implement poverty reduction policies and programmes and address emerging social issues in the context of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and the United Nations Millennium Declaration, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/2 of 8 September 2000,

⁷ See paragraphs 244 to 253 above.