

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 Centre<sup>7</sup>**

*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,

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<sup>7</sup> See paragraphs 244 to 253 above.

*Recognizing* that the Millennium Declaration articulated important goals and specific, measurable and time-bound targets to focus poverty interventions and interventions in the education, health and environmental sectors of Pacific island developing countries and territories by 2005,

*Also recognizing* that the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States set forth specific actions and measures to be taken at the national, regional and international levels in support of the sustainable development of small island developing States, in such areas as biodiversity, climate change, coastal and marine resource management, sustainable tourism and trade,

*Further recognizing* that the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010, inter alia, promotes the view that trade is a means by which poverty reduction strategies could be made more sustainable and by which the living standards of people living in least developed countries could be improved,

*Reaffirming* the desire of Pacific members and associate members to participate effectively in and benefit from the Commission's activities as a whole,

*Also reaffirming* the desire to revitalize the Pacific Operations Centre and strengthen its role as an effective representative office of ESCAP in the Pacific which can provide capacity-strengthening assistance to Pacific island developing countries and territories on a long-term sustainable basis,

*Expressing its appreciation* to the Government of Vanuatu for the generous contributions which it has made since 1984 as host of the Centre,

*Bearing in mind* that assistance to Pacific island developing countries and territories will need to take into account their unique economic and social situations in view of their isolation, small size and vulnerability to environmental hazards,

*Appreciating* the progress made thus far by the Executive Secretary in implementing the key institutional changes for the revitalization of the Centre in line with the recommendations of the independent evaluation carried out in early 2003,

*Welcoming* the revised mission statement of the Centre clarifying its role as the representative office of ESCAP in the Pacific charged with providing capacity-strengthening assistance that Pacific island developing countries and territories require in order to achieve internationally agreed goals contained in the Millennium Declaration and the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,

*Noting* that preparations are under way for the relocation of the Centre in 2004 from Port Vila to Suva

as announced to the Commission at its fifty-ninth session and reflected in the Commission's annual report, which was endorsed by the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly in 2003, in order to ensure the cost-effectiveness of the Centre's operations and place increased emphasis on regular cooperation with donor agencies and engagement of regional organizations, most of which are located in Suva,

1. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to prepare amendments to the terms of reference of the Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries to provide for the possibility of convening sessions of the Special Body in the Pacific prior to Commission sessions, in alternate years with the Special Body on Least Developed and Landlocked Developing Countries, and alternately between Bangkok and the location of the Pacific Operations Centre;

2. *Notes* the establishment of an Advisory Council for the Centre, comprising representatives of the Governments of Pacific island developing countries and territories, and of Australia and New Zealand, to meet biennially at the venue of the sessions of the Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries, to provide advice on the Centre's work programme priorities;

3. *Welcomes* the decision of the Executive Secretary to establish subprogramme 3, on the development of Pacific island countries, with the objective of building policy and management capacity in Pacific island developing countries and territories by facilitating the design and implementation of policies that focus on poverty reduction, managing the impact of globalization and addressing emerging social issues to achieve the internationally agreed goals and targets contained in the Millennium Declaration and the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to mobilize the resources required, within available resources, to relocate the Centre from Vanuatu to Fiji in 2004 and augment its Professional staff, within available resources, in the biennium 2006-2007 to enable it to meet the demand for services from Pacific island developing countries and territories and respond effectively to the above-mentioned institutional changes;

5. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to make effective use of the Pacific Trust Fund for the revitalization of the Centre and the implementation of the present resolution, including capacity-development activities in support of the Pacific region, and to carry out needs assessments and evaluations;

6. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its sixty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution.

*5th meeting*  
28 April 2004