

Realizing that Green Growth is an approach which harmonizes economic growth with environmental sustainability,

Recognizing the need for an integrated and multisectoral approach to promoting Green Growth in Asia and the Pacific,

Also recognizing the interest of members and associate members of the Commission in the regional and subregional cooperation activities that will be carried out as a follow-up to the Ministerial Conference,

1. *Notes* the outcomes of the fifth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific, 2005, including the various options and alternatives set forth in the Ministerial Declaration on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific, 2005, the Regional Implementation Plan for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific, 2006-2010, and the Seoul Initiative on Environmentally Sustainable Growth (Green Growth), and encourages all members and associate members to work towards their early realization;

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

(a) To ensure the formulation of programmes and strategies to implement the Regional Implementation Plan at the national, regional and subregional levels, acknowledging that the major role in the implementation of the Plan lies with Governments, individually and collectively;

(b) To encourage Governments, the private sector and civil society to participate in activities forming part of the Seoul Initiative, including the establishment of the Seoul Initiative Network on Green Growth;

(c) To provide information on 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. *Invites* 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 to implement the recommendations of the Ministerial Conference;

4. *Calls upon* the members of the Thematic Working Group on Environment and Development under the Regional Coordination Mechanism to play an effective role in the implementation of the Regional Implementation Plan, as well as its regional initiatives, including the Seoul Initiative;

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To mobilize both human and financial resources to the greatest possible extent for the implementation of the recommendations of the Ministerial Conference;

(b) To assist countries in the region by providing technical assistance in the realization of the Regional Implementation Plan and relevant national strategies and action;

(c) To ensure effective coordination and joint pursuit of the activities of concerned United Nations bodies and specialized agencies in facilitating the implementation of the recommendations of the Ministerial Conference;

(d) To encourage the active participation of all stakeholders in the implementation of the recommendations of the Ministerial Conference;

(e) To undertake a periodic review of progress made in the implementation of the Regional Implementation Plan based on information provided by members and associate members on a voluntary basis, and to include an assessment of the results in the agenda of the sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development, to be held by the year 2010.

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61/10. 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 Assembly¹⁰

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women, and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly,

Reaffirming the call for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women, as set forth in the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,

Recalling its resolution 57/3 of 25 April 2001 on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly,

Also recalling General Assembly resolution 59/168 of 20 December 2004, in which the Assembly recognized that the responsibility for the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session rested primarily at the national level, that strengthened efforts were necessary in that respect and that enhanced international cooperation was essential,

¹⁰ See paragraphs 211-221 above.

Cognizant of the Declaration adopted at the forty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women, in which the Commission reaffirmed the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly,

Welcoming the holding of the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting to Review Regional Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and Its Regional and Global Outcomes in Bangkok from 7 to 10 September 2004,

Taking note of the report of the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting,

Emphasizing that the full and effective implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the promotion of gender equality and of women's empowerment and participation, together with the mainstreaming of a gender perspective, can make an important contribution to advancing the implementation of the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration and the outcomes of United Nations summits, conferences and special sessions,

Encouraged by the progress made towards gender equality since the Fourth World Conference on Women, and concerned that the Asian and Pacific region faces major challenges and obstacles in achieving the economic and political empowerment of women,

Recognizing the role and contribution of civil society, in particular non-governmental organizations and women's organizations, in the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action, and encouraging further participation on their part,

Recognizing that the difficult socio-economic conditions that exist in many developing countries, in particular in the least developed countries, have accelerated the feminization of poverty,

1. *Reaffirms* the important role of the Commission in implementing the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly;

2. *Calls upon* all members and associate members:

(a) To undertake further action to ensure the full and effective implementation of the commitments made in the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly;

(b) To strengthen efforts to promote an active and visible policy of mainstreaming a gender perspective, inter alia, into the design, implementation and evaluation of programmes, especially in poverty reduction efforts, including the strengthening of national machineries and other institutional mechanisms, as appropriate, that work towards the advancement of women and gender equality;

(c) To ensure linkages and enhance complementarities among policies, institutional frameworks and operational programmes;

(d) To continue to implement economic policies that are designed and monitored with the full and equal participation of women within the overall framework of achieving sustainable development, and enhance women's entrepreneurial potential by providing them with access to and control over resources, including knowledge and skills training, trade opportunities and technologies, and also promote the protection of women in disaster areas and enhance the active role of women in disaster management;

(e) To contribute to collaborative approaches and strategies aimed at protecting and promoting the rights and welfare of women migrant workers, and forge international understanding and cooperation to combat trafficking in women;

(f) To strengthen and improve the collection, processing and analysis of sex-disaggregated data and gender statistics at the local, national, regional and international levels for the effective monitoring and assessment of gains and gaps;

(g) To forge partnerships in further studying the positive and negative impacts of globalization on women and formulate a comprehensive and integrative strategy to address its effects on women;

3. *Encourages* members and associate members, as well as agencies, regional and international financial institutions and the private sector, to provide countries in the Asian and Pacific region, particularly the least developed countries, with financial and technical support in implementing the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To continue to promote the implementation of the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, specifically to intensify efforts to build a database, to be updated regularly, in which all programmes and projects carried out in their respective regions by organizations or bodies of the United Nations system are listed, and to facilitate the dissemination of information on such programmes and projects, as well as the evaluation of their impact on the empowerment of women through the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action;

(b) To mainstream gender assessments into all programmes, as a means for assistance to member countries, enabling them to involve women in economic, social and political decision-making;

5. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its sixty-second session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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