

*Noting* the series of joint activities with the Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability, as an ESCAP partner, in ensuring the implementation of the Biwako Millennium Framework,

*Noting with appreciation* the continuous contributions by Governments in the region to the technical assistance trust fund for the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons,

1. *Calls upon* members and associate members to renew their commitment to the implementation of the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action towards an Inclusive, Barrier-free and Rights-based Society for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific in advance of the mid-point review;

2. *Encourages* all members and associate members to further strengthen their efforts to achieve the priorities, targets and strategies of the Biwako Millennium Framework with particular emphasis on the following actions, to be taken in advance of the mid-point review:

(a) Consideration of holistic and comprehensive approaches to policies and programmes that are disability-inclusive and responsive;

(b) Support for capacity-building in respect of persons with disabilities and their organizations;

(c) The mainstreaming of disability into overall national development plans, programmes and projects for poverty alleviation;

(d) The promotion of community approaches as an important component of empowerment and an effective poverty alleviation strategy;

(e) The promotion of disability-inclusive international and regional cooperation;

3. *Calls upon* members and associate members to continue to support and contribute to the ongoing work of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities, with a view to further promoting equal rights for persons with disabilities and protecting those rights;

4. *Invites* Governments in the region and other stakeholders to continue contributing to the ESCAP technical assistance trust fund for the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012, in order to ensure the achievement of the goals of the Biwako Millennium Framework at the regional level;

5. *Invites* Governments in the region that have not yet done so to consider signing the Proclamation on the Full Participation and Equality of People with Disabilities in the Asian and Pacific Region;

6. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To provide Governments in the region with technical support for the continued monitoring of

the implementation of the Biwako Millennium Framework in advance of the mid-point review in 2007;

(b) To hold in 2007, within existing resources, a high-level intergovernmental meeting of three working days' duration on the mid-point review of the Decade;

(c) To support the inclusion of disability in the regional preparations for the first five-year review of the United Nations Millennium Declaration and related outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits;

(d) To further strengthen the partnership between ESCAP and the Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability in order to promote the empowerment of persons with disabilities;

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

*5th meeting*  
18 May 2005

## **61/9. Fifth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific<sup>9</sup>**

*The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,*

*Noting with satisfaction* the successful organization of the fifth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific, 2005, held in Seoul from 24 to 29 March 2005, which adopted 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 Economic Growth (Green Growth),

*Recognizing* that reducing poverty is one of the greatest challenges facing Asia and the Pacific and that sustained economic growth is essential not only for poverty reduction but also for sustainable development, particularly in the developing countries,

*Realizing* that increasing stress on the carrying capacity of the region resulting from unsustainable economic growth can be alleviated through the integration of economic development, social development and environmental protection, the three mutually reinforcing pillars of sustainable development,

*Considering* that, in the interest of present and future generations, there is a need to shift the development orientation from a "Grow now and clean up later" approach to an environmentally sustainable or Green Growth approach,

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<sup>9</sup> See paragraphs 172-175 above.

*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.

*5th meeting*  
18 May 2005

**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 Assembly<sup>10</sup>**

*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,

<sup>10</sup> See paragraphs 211-221 above.