

Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia.

13. We are determined to build an Asia-Pacific century, as an epoch during which poverty is eliminated and equal opportunities become available for every woman and man to live healthy, peaceful and productive lives.

14. Hence, we resolve to support the efforts of the Commission in renewing itself towards fulfilling our vision of an Asia-Pacific century.

15. We therefore request the Executive Secretary to reinvigorate the role of the Commission as a regional development centre, by identifying and advocating innovative approaches to address sustainable development issues and coordinating region-wide policy dialogues, in close collaboration with United Nations country teams, in order to respond effectively to the changing needs of the region.

16. We also request the Executive Secretary to strengthen the leadership of the Commission in promoting South-South cooperation as a key instrument for enhancing development assistance in the region.

17. We further request the Executive Secretary to enhance the visibility of the Commission and increase understanding of its role in policy advocacy and consensus-building, as the body uniquely representative of the Asian and Pacific region.

18. On this historic occasion, we pledge our strong and continuing support for the leadership role of the Commission in catalysing regional cooperation, in fostering an Asia-Pacific century and in creating a shared future based upon our common humanity.

*Fifth plenary meeting
23 May 2007*

Resolution 63/2

Recognizing the contribution and distinguished services of Mr. Kim Hak-Su as Executive Secretary of the Commission²⁹

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Aware that the sixty-third session of the Commission will be the final session attended by Mr. Kim Hak-Su in his capacity as Executive Secretary,

Recognizing the contributions and distinguished service that Mr. Kim has rendered in his role as head of the Commission secretariat,

Noting with appreciation the improvements that Mr. Kim has brought to the work of the Commission, in particular on the revitalization of the conference, programme and secretariat structures,

²⁹ See para. 343 above.

Acknowledging the support that Mr. Kim has given to the further strengthening of regional and subregional cooperation and integration among the members and associate members of the Commission, as well as to the promotion of interregional cooperation,

Acknowledging also his efforts to strengthen coordination and cooperation among members of the United Nations system at the regional level,

Acknowledging further his efforts to strengthen strategic partnerships with diverse development entities in order to address emerging regional development challenges,

1. *Wishes to extend a profound tribute to Mr. Kim for his contribution to the work of the secretariat during his years as Executive Secretary;*

2. *Expresses its gratitude for his leadership in raising the visibility of the secretariat in its servicing of the Commission as a unique intergovernmental forum with universal membership in the Asian and Pacific region;*

3. *Conveys to the Secretary-General of the United Nations its deep appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. Kim in support of the economic and social advancement of the Asian and Pacific region;*

4. *Extends its sincere wishes for his continued good health and happiness in the years ahead.*

*Fifth plenary meeting
23 May 2007*

Resolution 63/3

Review of the conference structure of the Commission³⁰

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolutions 143 (XXX) of 5 April 1974, 210 (XXXVI) of 29 March 1980, 262 (XLIII) of 30 April 1987, 47/3 of 10 April 1991, 48/2 of 23 April 1992, 51/3 of 1 May 1995, 52/1 of 24 April 1996 and 53/1 of 30 April 1997 on the conference structure of the Commission,

Recalling also its resolution 58/1 of 22 May 2002 on restructuring the conference structure of the Commission, and in particular paragraph 7 thereof on the requirement for a review to be conducted at its sixty-third session,

Recalling further its resolution 61/1 of 18 May 2005 on the midterm review concerning the functioning of the conference structure of the Commission,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on mandating and delivering: analysis and recommendations to facilitate the review of mandates,³¹

³⁰ See paras. 272 to 276 above.

³¹ A/60/733 and Corr.1.