

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 Commission<sup>29</sup>**

*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,*

<sup>29</sup> 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.*

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### **Resolution 63/3**

#### **Review of the conference structure of the Commission<sup>30</sup>**

*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,<sup>31</sup>*

<sup>30</sup> See paras. 272 to 276 above.

<sup>31</sup> A/60/733 and Corr.1.

*Recognizing* the need to ensure that the conference structure of the Commission is kept in line with the process of overall United Nations reform,

*Taking note* of the report on the external evaluation of ESCAP: key findings and proposals for action,<sup>32</sup> and the report on the implementation of Commission resolution 58/1,<sup>33</sup>

*Mindful* of the desire of members and associate members of the Commission to maximize the effectiveness of its conference structure,

1. *Decides* to defer the review of the conference structure of the Commission, including its thematic and sectoral priorities and subsidiary structure, to its sixty-fourth session;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, as a matter of priority, to facilitate an effective process of consultation among members and associate members on a comprehensive and thorough review of the conference structure of the Commission;

3. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to report on the outcomes of those consultations to the Commission at its sixty-fourth session.

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#### **Resolution 63/4**

#### **Achieving the Millennium Development Goals in the ESCAP region<sup>34</sup>**

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

*Recalling* its resolution 62/1 of 12 April 2006 on achieving the Millennium Development Goals in the ESCAP region,

*Taking note with appreciation* of the report entitled “Achieving the Millennium Development Goals in the ESCAP region: regional road map to 2015”,<sup>35</sup> including a regional road map that identifies regional-level actions in achieving the Millennium Development Goals by 2015,

*Taking note also with appreciation* of the report entitled “Development of health systems in the context of enhancing economic growth towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals in Asia and the Pacific”,<sup>36</sup> which provides an analysis of the multiple linkages between economic growth, the development of effective health systems and the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals, in the context of the need for strengthening health systems in the Asian and Pacific region,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the regional road map for achieving the Millennium Development Goals in the ESCAP region,<sup>35</sup> and invites all members and, as appropriate, associate members in the region to take this into account in developing and/or implementing their own national development strategies towards meeting the Millennium Development Goals;

2. *Takes note also with appreciation* of the existing regional tripartite partnership on the Millennium Development Goals, which provides a consolidated regional platform to support the achievement of the Goals, as well as various activities undertaken under the tripartite initiative, such as the holding of subregional forums on the Millennium Development Goals and a series of reports published by those bodies, which assess progress towards achieving the Goals in Asia and the Pacific;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to continue developing recommendations for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals by 2015 in the form of a regional road map, by developing and refining existing elements and building also on related efforts or processes, including the outcomes of subregional forums on the Millennium Development Goals, in close coordination with other United Nations entities, regional development banks and financial institutions;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session a sub-item entitled “Achieving the Millennium Development Goals in the ESCAP region” under the agenda item “Policy issues for the ESCAP region”, and requests the Executive Secretary to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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#### **Resolution 63/5**

#### **Midterm review of the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries<sup>37</sup>**

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

*Recognizing* that the lack of territorial access to the sea, limited border crossings and transit dependence, aggravated by remoteness from world markets, resulting in prohibitive transaction costs, continues to adversely affect the overall growth and socio-economic development of landlocked developing countries,

*Recalling* the Monterrey Consensus,<sup>38</sup> which recognized the importance of enhanced and predictable

<sup>32</sup> E/ESCAP/63/19.

<sup>33</sup> E/ESCAP/63/21.

<sup>34</sup> See paras. 57 to 76 above.

<sup>35</sup> E/ESCAP/63/2.

<sup>36</sup> E/ESCAP/63/4.

<sup>37</sup> See paras. 201 to 218 above.

<sup>38</sup> Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development (*Report of the International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico, 18-22 March 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.II.A.7), chap. I, resolution 1, annex).