

1. *Urges* members and associate members, as appropriate, to consider:

(a) Placing high priority in national development agendas on infrastructure development;

(b) Recognizing that public-private partnerships can be an effective means to complement the efforts of Governments in developing and providing infrastructure facilities and services;

(c) Promoting the role of public-private partnerships in infrastructure development;

(d) Developing and implementing policies on public-private partnerships at the regional, subregional, national and subnational levels;

2. *Invites* members and associate members, as appropriate, to review and assess their:

(a) Public-private partnership, sectoral and other relevant policy frameworks and action plans for infrastructure development;

(b) Public-private partnership readiness and to identify key issues to be addressed by Governments in promoting the role of public-private partnerships in infrastructure development;

(c) Processes and procedures for implementing public-private partnerships, including effective management over their life cycle;

(d) Legislative, regulatory and institutional environments for public-private partnerships at the general and sectoral levels in order to identify any impediments to their effectiveness;

(e) Capacity to implement public-private partnerships and evaluate their impact on development;

3. *Encourages* members and associate members, as appropriate, to actively engage in regional cooperation initiatives, including:

(a) Participation in regional networking arrangements;

(b) Development and delivery of educational and training programmes;

(c) Development and sharing of databases on, inter alia, public-private partnership projects, statistics, laws, guidelines and model agreements;

(d) Standardization of terminology, contracts, processes and procedures related to public-private partnerships;

(e) Provision of technical assistance;

4. *Requests* United Nations bodies and the specialized agencies, international financial institutions and other organizations, bilateral donors and the relevant offices of the United Nations Secretariat to provide further technical assistance, to support national and regional capacity-building and to facilitate the sharing of experiences related to public-private partnerships in infrastructure development;

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, in close collaboration with donor countries and development partners:

(a) To assist members and associate members in meeting infrastructure development challenges through: (i) regional and interregional cooperation in the development of public-private partnerships; and (ii) the organization of meetings and regional networking arrangements aimed at promoting the exchange of experiences and information;

(b) To assist members and associate members on a mutually agreed basis in their capacity-building programmes, including public-private partnership policy framework formulation, legislative and regulatory reform and the administrative arrangements for public-private partnerships;

(c) To provide technical support, upon request, to help assess the public-private partnership readiness of members and associate members;

(d) To undertake a periodic review of the progress made in infrastructure development through public-private partnerships and to report to the Commission at its sixty-ninth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

*Fifth plenary meeting  
30 April 2008*

### **Resolution 64/5 Establishment of the Forum of Asian Ministers of Transport<sup>42</sup>**

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

*Mindful* of the increasing impact of globalization and the substantial growth of output, trade and investment being experienced by many countries in the Asian and Pacific region,

*Stressing* the crucial role of efficient, reliable and cost-effective transport services, including infrastructure, facilitation and logistics, in supporting continued growth through the improved competitiveness of exports and the reduced cost of imports,

*Recognizing* the need for the transport sector to respond rapidly and effectively to the demands being placed on it,

*Noting* the strong support expressed at the Ministerial Conference on Transport, held in Busan, Republic of Korea, in November 2006, for the establishment of a forum of Asian ministers of transport as a formal regional mechanism to facilitate close collaboration and more frequent interaction between members and associate members in order to address emerging issues,<sup>43</sup>

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<sup>42</sup> See paras. 100 to 112 above.

<sup>43</sup> See E/ESCAP/63/13, para. 3.

*Recalling* its resolution 63/9 of 23 May 2007 on the implementation of the Busan Declaration on Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific and the Regional Action Programme for Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific, phase I (2007-2011), in which the Commission, inter alia, requested the Executive Secretary to undertake a detailed study on the establishment of a forum of Asian ministers of transport, including its organization and format, and to submit the findings to the Committee on Managing Globalization at its fourth session and to the Commission at its sixty-fourth session for their consideration,

*Taking note* of the support expressed for the establishment of the forum by the Committee on Managing Globalization, including the proposal that further discussion on the format and organization of the forum take place in conjunction with the discussion on the review of the conference structure of the Commission,<sup>44</sup>

*Convinced* that the forum would play a significant role in providing strategic guidance for the regional development of transport, transit and the improvement of transport capacity, including promoting cooperation, contributing to regional integration and enabling countries to benefit from globalization, thereby further supporting the growth of output, trade and investment in the region,

*Noting* the need to avoid duplication of work with existing international organizations, such as the International Civil Aviation Organization and the International Maritime Organization,

1. *Decides* to establish the Forum of Asian Ministers of Transport as a regional mechanism within the framework of the conference structure of the Commission;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To convene the first session of the Forum of Asian Ministers of Transport in 2009 and subsequently on a regular basis with the first session deciding its frequency;

(b) To coordinate the convening of the forum with the Committee on Transport;

(c) To ensure that a regional policy-oriented agenda is placed before the forum, addressing transport infrastructure, transit policy, facilitation, logistics, interregional and international transport linkages, financing and safety issues, as well as their economic, environmental and social sustainability;

(d) To encourage members and associate members to host sessions of the forum;

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

*Fifth plenary meeting  
30 April 2008*

<sup>44</sup> See E/ESCAP/64/5, para. 50.

## **Resolution 64/6**

### **Achieving the Millennium Development Goals in the ESCAP region<sup>45</sup>**

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

*Recalling* its resolutions 62/1 of 12 April 2006 and 63/4 of 23 May 2007 on achieving the Millennium Development Goals in the ESCAP region,

*Taking note with appreciation* of the report entitled "A future within reach: progress towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals in the Asian and Pacific region",<sup>46</sup>

*Welcoming* the three subregional forums on the Millennium Development Goals, which were held in Kathmandu in October 2006, in Hanoi in March 2007 and in Bishkek in July 2007, the outcomes of which have provided useful inputs to policy and implementation planning for the further strengthening of the Asian and Pacific regional road map,

*Noting* that the ESCAP secretariat has initiated discussions with existing regional partners and other United Nations entities to broaden the regional partnership in support of achieving the Millennium Development Goals, including through the Regional Coordination Mechanism,

*Welcoming* the efforts made by countries, especially developing countries, and the overall progress made in the region in achieving the Millennium Development Goals,

*Expressing its concern* that a large number of countries are struggling to reach all the targets of the Millennium Development Goals,

*Recognizing* the importance of the regional partnership and of cooperation in achieving the Millennium Development Goals, and also the necessity of assisting those countries in need in achieving the Goals, in particular the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and Pacific island developing countries,

*Noting* that 2008 marks the halfway point towards 2015, the target year for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals,

1. *Welcomes* the efforts of countries in the region, especially the developing countries, that have made good progress towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals, while remaining concerned that a large number of countries in the region continue to face major challenges, and emphasizes the need for concerted efforts in that regard in achieving the Goals by 2015;

2. *Encourages* countries in the region to make further efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals by 2015;

<sup>45</sup> See paras. 327 to 346 above.

<sup>46</sup> E/ESCAP/64/37.