

growth and undermine gains from poverty reduction efforts,

1. *Recognizes* that several modalities can be followed to ensure resource flows to achieve the Millennium Development Goals as outlined in the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development⁵¹ to the off-track countries, including those listed in the above-mentioned report on achieving the Millennium Development Goals in the ESCAP region;

2. *Also recognizes* the role of official development assistance in contributing to financial, human and technical resources in developing countries;

3. *Urges* the developed countries that have not done so to make concrete efforts towards the target of 0.7 per cent of gross national product as official development assistance to developing countries and 0.15 to 0.20 per cent of gross national product to least developed countries and encourages developing countries to build on progress achieved in ensuring that official development assistance is used effectively to help achieve development goals and targets;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To explore the feasibility of establishing a regional Millennium Development Goal resource facility as referred to in the above-mentioned report;

(b) To contribute to the possible review of the Economic and Social Council's existing mechanisms by the Council and take action, where appropriate, to ensure the effective review and implementation of the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fifth session a sub-item on achieving the Millennium Development Goals in the ESCAP region and requests the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission on the implementation of the present resolution at that session.

*Fifth plenary meeting
30 April 2008*

Resolution 64/8

Regional implementation of the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action and Biwako Plus Five towards an Inclusive, Barrier-free and Rights-based Society for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific⁵²

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolution 61/8 of 18 May 2005 on the midpoint review of 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,⁵³ in which the Commission called for the convening of a high-level intergovernmental meeting on the midpoint review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012,

Welcoming the adoption of Biwako Plus Five: Further Efforts towards an Inclusive, Barrier-free and Rights-based Society for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific⁵⁴ at the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Midpoint Review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012, held in Bangkok from 19 to 21 September 2007,

Recognizing that Biwako Plus Five, in drawing upon the findings of the five-year review, taking into consideration global developments and the emerging needs of countries in the region with regard to disability and the challenges to be overcome, will supplement the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action over the remaining five years of the Decade, from 2008 to 2012,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 62/127 of 18 December 2007 on the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: realizing the Millennium Development Goals for persons with disabilities, in which the Assembly urged relevant entities of the United Nations system, including agencies, funds and programmes, to take concrete measures to incorporate the perspective of persons with disabilities, including accessibility requirements, in development cooperation and development finance activities,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 61/106 of 13 December 2006, by which the Assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities⁵⁵ and the Optional Protocol thereto,⁵⁶ and 62/170 of 18 December 2007 on the Convention and the Optional Protocol,

Noting with appreciation the contributions of members and associate members of the Commission, donor agencies, the private sector and non-governmental organizations to the technical assistance trust fund for the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012,

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

(a) To develop and implement inclusive, barrier-free and rights-based policies on disability in line with the recommendations contained in the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action⁵³ and Biwako Plus Five;⁵⁴

⁵¹ 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.

⁵² See paras. 131 to 154 above.

⁵³ E/ESCAP/APDDP/4/Rev.1.

⁵⁴ E/ESCAP/APDDP(2)/2.

⁵⁵ General Assembly resolution 61/106, annex I.

⁵⁶ Ibid., annex II.

(b) To mainstream the perspective of persons with disabilities in development initiatives, including in efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals;

(c) To review the implementation of the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action and Biwako Plus Five on a regular basis in preparation for the high-level intergovernmental meeting to be held in 2012;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To assist members and associate members in building their capacity to implement the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action and Biwako Plus Five in order to ensure that a rights-based approach to disability is incorporated into their policies and programmes;

(b) To promote coordination and collaboration among United Nations agencies and regional organizations in order to support member States in implementing the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action and Biwako Plus Five, and in incorporating the perspective of persons with disabilities in actions aimed at achieving the Millennium Development Goals and also, as appropriate, to assist States in becoming parties to and in implementing the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;⁵⁵

(c) To improve the accessibility of the facilities and services of ESCAP for persons with disabilities, in collaboration with United Nations agencies and organizations and disabled persons' organizations;

(d) To continue strengthening the partnership between ESCAP and the Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability;

(e) To convene a high-level intergovernmental meeting to review the implementation of the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action and Biwako Plus Five in 2012, the concluding year of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012;

(f) To submit to the Commission at its sixty-sixth session, including to the relevant committee, a report on the progress achieved in implementing the present resolution.

*Fifth plenary meeting
30 April 2008*

Resolution 64/9

Midpoint review of the implementation of the Plan of Action on Population and Poverty adopted at the Fifth Asian and Pacific Population Conference⁵⁷

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

⁵⁷ See paras. 131 to 155 above.

Recalling that 2007 marked the fifth anniversary of the Fifth Asian and Pacific Population Conference, held in Bangkok in 2002, and of the adoption of its Plan of Action on Population and Poverty,⁵⁸

Noting that 2009 will mark the fifteenth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development, held in Cairo in 1994, and of the adoption of its Programme of Action,⁵⁹

Noting also that the Committee on Emerging Social Issues, at its third and fourth sessions,⁶⁰ requested that the secretariat convene, preferably in 2008, a midpoint review of the implementation of the Plan of Action on Population and Poverty,

Reaffirming the centrality of the United Nations Millennium Declaration⁶¹ and the internationally agreed development goals,

Bearing in mind the goals and objectives related to population and development set at other major United Nations conferences and summits, including at their reviews,

Recalling the 2005 World Summit Outcome,⁶² including the commitment to achieve universal access to reproductive health by 2015,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the review and appraisal of the progress made in achieving the goals and objectives of the Programme of Action,⁶³

Taking note also of the status report⁶⁴ on implementing the agenda of the International Conference on Population and Development in Asia and the Pacific, which provided a regional perspective on the progress made towards achieving the goals of the Programme of Action,

Taking note further of the decision of the Commission on Population and Development that the special theme of its forty-second session, to be held in 2009, will be "The contribution of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development to the internationally agreed

⁵⁸ E/ESCAP/1271, annex I.

⁵⁹ *Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

⁶⁰ See E/ESCAP/63/6 and E/ESCAP/64/13.

⁶¹ See General Assembly resolution 55/2.

⁶² See General Assembly resolution 60/1.

⁶³ *Review and Appraisal of the Progress Made in Achieving the Goals and Objectives of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, The 2004 Report* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.04.XIII.8).

⁶⁴ *Implementing the ICPD Agenda: 10 Years into the Asia-Pacific Experience, A Status Report* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.04.II.F.46).