

Chapter IV

RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION AT ITS SIXTY-FIFTH SESSION

A. Resolutions

Resolution 65/1

Implementation of the Bali Outcome Document in addressing the food, fuel and financial crises³⁴

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

Recalling the 2005 World Summit Outcome,³⁵
in which the Heads of State and Government strongly
reiterated their determination to ensure the timely and
full realization of all internationally agreed development
goals, including the Millennium Development Goals,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution
63/239 of 24 December 2008 on the Doha Declaration
on Financing for Development: outcome document of
the Follow-up International Conference on Financing
for Development to Review the Implementation of the
Monterrey Consensus,

Recalling further its resolution 64/6 of 30 April
2008 on achieving the Millennium Development Goals
in the ESCAP region, in which it, inter alia, requested
the Executive Secretary to assist countries in the region
in achieving the Goals, in particular the least developed
countries, landlocked developing countries and Pacific
island developing countries,

Expressing concern at the convergence of price
volatility and the availability of food and fuel, the
financial crisis, and climate change, which could
threaten the economic and social well-being of the
people of the region, as the increasing spillover effects
of these crises have affected all countries in the region,

Also expressing concern about the financial
crisis, which has become a global economic crisis and
could complicate efforts to achieve energy and food
security in the region and reduce vital investments in
new and innovative technologies and infrastructure
projects aimed at attaining food and energy security,

Emphasizing that, even in the circumstances of
the financial crisis, countries should continue their
efforts to combat climate change,

Noting with concern that the convergence
of these interrelated crises could undermine the
development gains of the region and negatively affect
its future prospects, particularly with regard to the
achievement of the Millennium Development Goals,

Noting with appreciation the efforts of the
Executive Secretary in supporting the member States in
dealing with these crises through in-depth analyses,
policy dialogue, advocacy and increased capacity-
building activities,

Noting the convening of the High-level
Regional Policy Dialogue on “The food-fuel crisis and
climate change: Reshaping the Development Agenda”,
organized jointly by the Government of Indonesia and
the Commission and held in Bali, Indonesia, on 9 and
10 December 2008,

Taking note of the Bali Outcome Document,³⁶
which sets out several areas for regional cooperation,

1. *Invites* the countries of the region and
international and regional organizations to urgently
consider the implementation, as appropriate, of the
recommendations contained in the Bali Outcome
Document;³⁶

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To continue to assist, in coordination
with other international entities, taking into
account their respective mandates, members and
associate members, particularly the least developed
countries, landlocked developing countries and
small island developing States, in implementing the
recommendations contained in the Bali Outcome
Document³⁶ and in building their capacity to make
appropriate policy responses that mitigate the impact of
the economic crisis, restore growth and avoid future
global shocks;

(b) To conduct analytical studies and share
experiences on improving food and energy security, on
responding to the financial crisis, and on sustainable
agriculture, including its climate adaptation and
mitigation potentials, particularly with regard to the
least developed countries, landlocked developing
countries and small island developing States;

(c) To convene, in coordination with
international and regional organizations, including
financial institutions concerned closely with the region,
a regional dialogue with participation by government
representatives and other experts, to discuss the progress
so far achieved in the Asian and Pacific region in
addressing the economic crisis and its impact on the
achievement of the internationally agreed development
goals, including the Millennium Development Goals by
2015 and to report on the outcome for consideration by
the Commission at its sixty-sixth session;

³⁴ See paras. 139 to 179 above.

³⁵ General Assembly resolution 60/1 of 16 September 2005.

³⁶ E/ESCAP/65/15/Add.1.

(d) To submit to the Commission at its sixty-sixth session a report on the progress in the implementation of the present resolution.

*Fifth plenary meeting
29 April 2009*

Resolution 65/2

Regional technical cooperation and capacity-building in statistics development in Asia and the Pacific³⁷

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolution 61/2 on the statute of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling also its resolution 62/10 on strengthening statistical capacity in Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling further its resolution 64/1 on the restructuring of the conference structure of the Commission, by which it re-established the Committee on Statistics as the highest-level intergovernmental body concerned with statistics in Asia and the Pacific,

Recognizing that the Committee on Statistics, which brings together all the chief statisticians from the countries and areas in Asia and the Pacific, is the recognized and appropriate regional forum to discuss and coordinate all matters related to statistics development,

Welcoming the revitalization of the Committee on Statistics,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Committee on Statistics on its first session³⁸ and the report of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific;³⁹

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to continue to assist members and, as appropriate, associate members in strengthening their statistical capacity, in accordance with Commission resolution 62/10;

3. *Takes note* of the appreciation of members and associate members for technical cooperation and capacity-building activities in statistics development in Asia and the Pacific carried out by the secretariat and the training services delivered by the Statistics Division and the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific in promoting national statistical capacity-building in the region;

4. *Expresses* appreciation to the members and associate members that have provided financial support to the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific;

5. *Encourages* members and associate members to implement paragraph 20 of the annex to Commission resolution 61/2 and, where appropriate, to increase financial support to the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific;

6. *Notes* that the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific will celebrate its fortieth anniversary in 2010 and encourages members and associate members to contribute to the preparations for this celebration;

7. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Commission at its sixty-seventh session.

*Fifth plenary meeting
29 April 2009*

Resolution 65/3

High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Final Review of the Implementation of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012⁴⁰

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolution 64/8 of 30 April 2008 on the regional implementation of the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action⁴¹ and Biwako Plus Five towards an Inclusive, Barrier-free and Rights-based Society for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific,⁴² in which, inter alia, the Commission requested the Executive Secretary to convene a high-level intergovernmental meeting to review 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,

Recalling also its resolution 59/3 of 4 September 2003 on regional 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 during the Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012,

Welcoming the adoption of Biwako Plus Five, which was aimed at enhancing the effective implementation of the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action over the remaining five years of the Decade,

Noting with satisfaction that, following ratification by the twentieth Government, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities⁴³ entered into force on 3 May 2008, which is the most significant development achieved so far during the second Decade, 2003-2012, and that, as of 29 April 2009, many Governments that have ratified the Convention are from the Asia-Pacific region,

³⁷ See paras. 130 to 138 above.

³⁸ E/ESCAP/65/13.

³⁹ E/ESCAP/65/26.

⁴⁰ See paras. 115 to 129 above.

⁴¹ E/ESCAP/APDDP/4/Rev.1.

⁴² E/ESCAP/APDDP(2)/2.

⁴³ General Assembly resolution 61/106, annex I.