

11. Representatives of (a) States that are not members of the Council, (b) United Nations bodies and specialized and related agencies and (c) such other organizations as the Council may deem appropriate as well as experts in fields of interest to the Council may be invited by the Executive Secretary to attend meetings of the Council.

12. The Council shall meet at least once a year and may adopt its own rules of procedure. Sessions of the Council shall be convened by the Executive Secretary of ESCAP, who may propose special sessions of the Council at his/her own initiative and shall convene such special sessions at the request of a majority of Council members.

13. A quorum for meetings of the Council shall be a majority of its members.

14. Each member of the Council shall have one vote. Decisions and recommendations of the Council shall be made by consensus or, where this is not possible, by a majority of the members present and voting.

15. The Council shall, at each regular session, elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. They shall hold office until the next regular session of the Council. The Chairperson or, in his/her absence, the Vice-Chairperson shall preside at meetings of the Council. If the Chairperson is unable to serve for the full term for which he/she has been elected, the Vice-Chairperson shall act as Chairperson for the remainder of that term.

16. The Council shall review the administration and financial status of CAPSA and the implementation of its programme of work. The Executive Secretary shall submit an annual report, as adopted by the Council, to the Commission at its annual sessions.

#### ***Director and staff***

17. CAPSA shall have a Director and staff, who shall be ESCAP staff members appointed under the appropriate United Nations regulations, rules and administrative instructions. The Director shall be appointed in a manner consistent with United Nations regulations and rules. The Council will be invited to nominate candidates for the position of Director, once the vacancy is announced, and provide advice, as appropriate. Other members and associate members of the Commission may also submit nominations for the post.

18. The Director shall be responsible to the Executive Secretary of ESCAP for the administration of CAPSA and the implementation of its programme of work.

#### ***Technical Committee***

19. CAPSA shall have a Technical Committee consisting of experts from members and associate members of ESCAP and from intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations. Members of the Technical Committee shall be appointed by the Director in consultation with the Executive Secretary.

20. The Technical Committee shall be responsible for advising the Director on the formulation of the programme of work and on other technical matters concerning the operations of CAPSA.

21. Reports of meetings of the Technical Committee, and the Director's observations with respect thereto, shall be submitted to the Council at its next session.

22. The Chairman of the Technical Committee shall be elected by the Committee itself at each meeting.

#### ***Resources of the Centre***

23. All members and associate members of ESCAP should be urged to make a regular annual contribution to the operations of the Centre. The United Nations shall administer a joint contribution trust fund in which these contributions shall be deposited.

24. The Centre will endeavour to mobilize sufficient resources to support its activities.

25. The United Nations shall maintain separate trust funds for voluntary contributions for technical cooperation projects or other extraordinary voluntary contributions for the activities of CAPSA.

26. The financial resources of CAPSA shall be administered in accordance with the United Nations Financial Regulations and Rules.

#### ***Amendments***

27. Amendments to the present Statute shall be adopted by the Commission.

#### ***Matters not covered by this Statute***

28. In the event of any procedural matter arising that is not covered by this Statute or rules of procedure adopted by the Governing Council under paragraph 12 of this Statute, the pertinent part of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific shall apply.

#### ***Entry into force***

29. The present Statute shall enter into force on the date of its adoption by the Commission.

### **Resolution 65/5**

#### **Review of the operational details of the feasibility study for the establishment of an Asian and Pacific centre for information, communication and space technology-enabled disaster management in the Islamic Republic of Iran<sup>51</sup>**

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

*Recalling its resolution 64/10 of 30 April 2008, in which it invited the Islamic Republic of Iran to review the operational details of its proposal to*

<sup>51</sup> See paras. 100 to 114 above.

establish an Asian and Pacific centre for information, communication and space technology-enabled disaster management, in order to clarify the implications, if any, of such changes on the scope, functions and value added products and services to be offered, along with timelines for scheduling the introduction of those activities, and to submit them to the Commission at its sixty-fifth session,

*Noting with appreciation* the generous offer of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to host the proposed centre, and welcoming the progress reported in conducting the review requested in paragraph 1 of resolution 64/10,

*Noting also* that the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran has requested additional time in order to provide the Commission with the supplementary information requested in paragraph 1 of resolution 64/10,

*Invites* the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to revise its draft resolution to take into account the outcome of the above-mentioned review and submit the revised version to the Commission for consideration at its sixty-sixth session.

*Fifth plenary meeting  
29 April 2009*

## **Resolution 65/6**

### **Support for the establishment of an international think tank of landlocked developing countries<sup>52</sup>**

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

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 58/201 of 23 December 2003, in which the Assembly endorsed 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>53</sup>

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolution 63/2 of 3 October 2008, in which the Assembly adopted the outcome document of the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action, paragraph 26 of which welcomed “the proposal to set up in Ulaanbaatar an international think tank to enhance the analytical capability of landlocked developing countries...”, and urged “international organizations and donor countries to assist them in realizing this initiative”,

*Recalling further* Commission resolution 63/5 of 23 May 2007 on the midterm review of the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action, in which it requested the Executive Secretary, among other things, “to strengthen capacity-building activities for

government agencies of landlocked and transit developing countries in the field of trade facilitation in order to establish a transparent, consistent and predictable environment for conducting international trade”,

1. *Expresses its support* for the proposal by the Government of Mongolia to set up in Ulaanbaatar an international think tank to enhance the analytical capability of landlocked developing countries needed to maximize the efficiency of coordinated efforts for the effective implementation of the internationally agreed provisions, particularly the Almaty Programme of Action and the Millennium Development Goals;

2. *Invites* Governments, donor countries, relevant United Nations bodies, agencies, international and regional financial institutions and organizations, as well as the private sector and academic institutions, to support the landlocked developing countries in realizing the establishment of the proposed international think tank;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to provide the necessary advisory and technical support, in collaboration with regional and global stakeholders, with regard to preparations for the setting up of the proposed think tank;

4. *Calls upon* the Executive Secretary to designate the relevant unit of the secretariat as the Commission’s focal point to assist in the coordination of regional efforts and the provision, upon request of governments, of advisory and technical services to help materialize the proposal.

*Fifth plenary meeting  
29 April 2009*

## **B. Decisions**

### **Decision 65/1**

#### **Dates, venue and theme topic for the sixty-sixth session of the Commission<sup>54</sup>**

At its fifth plenary meeting, on 29 April 2009, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific decided that its sixty-sixth session would be held in Incheon, Republic of Korea, in April or May 2010. The actual dates would be decided in consultation with the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission. The theme topic for the sixty-sixth session of the Commission shall be:

Addressing challenges in the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals:

- Promoting a stable and supportive financial system;
- Green Growth or environmentally sustainable economic growth, including through technology and financing.

<sup>52</sup> See paras. 139 to 179 above.

<sup>53</sup> *Report of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation, Almaty, Kazakhstan, 28 and 29 August 2003 (A/CONF.202/3), annex I.*

<sup>54</sup> See paras. 267 to 270 above.