

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 countries⁵²

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,⁵³

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.

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B. Decisions

Decision 65/1

Dates, venue and theme topic for the sixty-sixth session of the Commission⁵⁴

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.

⁵² See paras. 139 to 179 above.

⁵³ *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.*

⁵⁴ See paras. 267 to 270 above.