

internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration and the outcomes of United Nations summits, conferences and special sessions,

Welcoming the declaration on the occasion of the fifteenth anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women adopted at the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women,

Endorsing the report of the Asia-Pacific High-level Intergovernmental Meeting to Review Regional Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and Its Regional and Global Outcomes,⁷⁰ held in Bangkok from 16 to 18 November 2009, and the Bangkok Declaration on Beijing+15,⁷¹

Encouraged by the progress made towards gender equality since the Fourth World Conference on Women and concerned that the Asia-Pacific region faces major challenges and obstacles in achieving economic and political empowerment of women,

Recognizing the role and contribution of civil society, in particular women's and other non-governmental organizations, in the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action, and encouraging their continued participation,

Commending the Executive Secretary for re-establishing the Thematic Working Group on Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women of the regional coordination mechanism, which has contributed to enhanced coordination and coherence among regional United Nations partners in the advancement of women and gender equality as a means to promote sustainable and inclusive development in the region,

1. *Reaffirms* the important role of the Commission in supporting the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action⁶⁷ and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly;⁶⁸

2. *Calls upon* all members and associate members to take further action to ensure the full and effective implementation of the commitments reflected in the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, the Millennium Declaration⁶⁹ and the Bangkok Declaration on Beijing+15;⁷¹

3. *Encourages* members and associate members, as well as agencies, regional and international financial institutions and the private sector, to provide countries in the Asian and Pacific region, particularly the least developed countries, with financial and technical support in implementing the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly and the Bangkok Declaration on Beijing+15;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To strengthen the role of the Commission in supporting members and associate members in implementing the Beijing Platform for Action, as well as the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, and to take actions set out in the Bangkok Declaration on Beijing+15;

(b) To continue to ensure that gender dimensions are mainstreamed, where applicable, into the entire programme of work of the Commission;

(c) To provide members and associate members, upon request, with technical assistance to strengthen their capacity for effective implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action, and also to mainstream a gender perspective in all programmes, through, among other things, mechanisms and processes, such as gender-responsive budgeting, gender-responsive auditing, development and use of sex-disaggregated data and monitoring and performance indicators;

(d) To encourage members and associate members, as appropriate, that have not ratified or acceded to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women⁷² and its Optional Protocol⁷³ to do so, and to provide those members and associate members that have ratified or acceded to the Convention, upon request, with assistance in its implementation;

(e) To enhance the role of the regional coordination mechanism, chaired by the Executive Secretary of ESCAP, as appropriate, taking into consideration United Nations gender architecture reform,⁷⁴ to achieve greater synergies among United Nations entities in the region to further develop strategies and plans aimed at the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women;

5. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its sixty-ninth session on progress in the implementation of the present resolution.

*Fifth plenary meeting
19 May 2010*

Resolution 66/10

Regional call for action to achieve universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support in Asia and the Pacific⁷⁵

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 60/262

⁷⁰ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1249, No. 20378.

⁷³ General Assembly resolution 54/4, annex.

⁷⁴ See A/64/588.

⁷⁵ See paras. 122 to 137 above.

⁷⁰ E/ESCAP/66/14 and Corr.1.

⁷¹ *Ibid.*, chap. I.

of 2 June 2006, by which the Assembly adopted the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS, which calls for, inter alia, halting and beginning to reverse, by 2015, the spread of HIV/AIDS, and scaling up significantly national efforts to achieve the goal of universal access to comprehensive prevention programmes, treatment, care and support by 2010,

Recalling also Commission resolutions 57/1 of 25 April 2001 on the regional call for action to fight the human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome in Asia and the Pacific and 59/1 of 4 September 2003 on regional action in follow-up to the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS, which call for regional action in implementing the 2001 Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS,⁷⁶

Taking note of the progress made and challenges still to be overcome by countries of the Asian and Pacific region in their implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the 2006 Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS, as reported at the 2008 United Nations high-level meeting on AIDS,

Recognizing HIV and AIDS as major public health and development challenges that threaten to reverse many of the social and economic gains achieved in the Asian and Pacific region, including progress in attaining the Millennium Development Goals,

Taking note of the need to address the multisectoral elements that drive HIV epidemics and work with all relevant stakeholders in carrying out a comprehensive response,

Emphasizing the mutually reinforcing interrelationship between Millennium Development Goal 6, which includes targets to halt and reverse the spread of HIV and to achieve, by 2010, universal access to treatment for HIV and AIDS for all who need it, and other Millennium Development Goals, in particular Goal 1 on eradicating extreme poverty and hunger, Goal 3 on promoting gender equality and empowerment of women, Goal 4 on reducing child mortality and Goal 5 on improving maternal health, where progress is mutually reinforcing,

Recognizing that political commitment at the highest level, and effective leadership at all levels of society, are vital in achieving universal access to comprehensive prevention programmes, treatment, care and support, as well as for the success of other HIV and AIDS interventions,

Noting with particular concern the continuing high prevalence of HIV among key affected populations, including sex workers, injecting drug users and men who have sex with men, as well as the extent of the legal and policy barriers that impede progress in developing and implementing effective ways of

responding to HIV and related risks among them,

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

(a) To accelerate the implementation of the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS adopted by the General Assembly at its sixtieth session;⁷⁷

(b) To reinforce commitments to the Millennium Development Goal target of universal access to treatment for HIV and AIDS for those who need it, in terms of measurable, sustained advances towards a significantly higher level of coverage for treatment and effective prevention interventions needed to manage diverse epidemics, with services being equitable, accessible, affordable, comprehensive and responsive to individual needs, especially for women and girls, through evidence-based and gender-responsive national strategic plans, taking into account relevant recommendations from the Commission on AIDS in Asia and the Commission on AIDS in the Pacific;

(c) To ground universal access in human rights and undertake measures to address stigma and discrimination, as well as policy and legal barriers to effective HIV responses, in particular with regard to key affected populations;

(d) To ensure the sustainability of the AIDS response by maintaining a sufficient level of investment, both domestic and external, with the financial and human resources necessary to halt and reverse the spread of HIV in the countries in the region, including by linking HIV and AIDS with Millennium Development Goals and development plans;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, within the existing ESCAP mandate, and in close coordination with the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), the World Health Organization and other relevant stakeholders:

(a) To support members and associate members in the implementation of the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS and in reaching the Millennium Development Goal target of ensuring universal access to comprehensive prevention programmes, treatment, care and support, by promoting regional cooperation among countries of Asia and the Pacific, as appropriate, and partnerships with people living with HIV and AIDS, civil society and faith-based and private-sector groups, guided by the priorities of the UNAIDS Outcome Framework 2009-2011⁷⁸ which most concern the drivers of the epidemic in each country;

(b) To support members and associate members in their efforts to enact, strengthen and enforce, as appropriate, legislation, regulations and

⁷⁶ General Assembly resolution S-26/2, annex.

⁷⁷ General Assembly resolution 60/262, annex.

⁷⁸ Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, "Joint action for results: UNAIDS outcome framework 2009-2011" (2010) (UNAIDS/09.13E – JC1713E).

other measures to eliminate all forms of discrimination against people living with HIV and AIDS and other key affected populations, and to develop, implement and monitor strategies to combat stigma and exclusion connected with the epidemic;

(c) To support and collaborate with subregional organizations, including the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation and the Pacific Islands Forum, in enhancing cooperation in developing and implementing effective interventions to deal with HIV/AIDS as a development challenge, giving special attention to transboundary issues which require intercountry collaboration, such as cross-border movement of people and HIV vulnerability, access to affordable medicines, the identification of regionally appropriate and innovative intervention paradigms and models and the promotion of South-South sharing of expertise and experience;

(d) To convene a high-level intergovernmental review for the Asian and Pacific region to assess progress against commitments in the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS and the Millennium Development Goals and efforts to ensure universal access, and identify areas for regional cooperation, in particular in such areas as identifying and removing policy and legal barriers to universal access and promoting dialogue between health and other sectors, including justice, law and order and drug control;

(e) To bring the present resolution to the attention of the General Assembly AIDS Review, to be held in June 2010, with a view to presenting issues of concern to the Asian and Pacific region;

(f) To report to the Commission at its sixty-eighth session on progress in the implementation of the present resolution.

*Fifth plenary meeting
19 May 2010*

Resolution 66/11

Regional preparations for the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Final Review of the Implementation of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012⁷⁹

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,⁸⁰ adopted by the General Assembly on 13 December 2006,

Noting that Pacific island countries, meeting in

Rarotonga, Cook Islands, from 21 to 23 October 2009,⁸¹ endorsed the Pacific Regional Strategy on Disability 2010-2015,⁸²

Recalling 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 Pacific⁸³ during the Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012, in which the Commission, inter alia, requested all members and associate members to support the implementation of the Biwako Millennium Framework,

Recalling also its resolution 64/8 of 30 April 2008 on 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 Pacific,⁸⁴ in which the Commission, inter alia, called upon all members and associate members 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 Action and Biwako Plus Five, and requested the Executive Secretary 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,

Recalling further its resolution 65/3 of 29 April 2009 on the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Final Review of the Implementation of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012, in which the Commission decided that the venue of the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Final Review of the Implementation of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012, should be decided by the Commission at its sixty-sixth session,

Noting that the Commission, in its resolution 65/3, welcomed the offer of the Republic of Korea to host the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting,

1. *Decides* that the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Final Review of the Implementation of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012, shall be held in the Republic of Korea in 2012;

2. *Calls upon* all members and associate members and key stakeholders to actively contribute to the preparatory process leading up to, as well as to

⁸¹ First meeting of the Pacific Island Forum of Disability Ministers.

⁸² See document PIFS(09)FDMM.07, available at www.forumsec.org/resources/uploads/attachments/documents/Pacific%20Regional%20Strategy%20on%20Disability.pdf.

⁸³ E/ESCAP/APDDP/4/Rev.1.

⁸⁴ E/ESCAP/APDDP(2)/2.

⁷⁹ See paras. 122 to 137 above.

⁸⁰ General Assembly resolution 61/106, annex 1.