

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.

participate in, the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to encourage the participation of all key stakeholders, including organizations of persons with disabilities from Asia and the Pacific, in the preparatory process leading up to the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting;

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

*Fifth plenary meeting
19 May 2010*

Resolution 66/12

Sixth Asian and Pacific Population Conference⁸⁵

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Noting that more than 60 per cent of the population of the world and of its poorest people live in the Asia-Pacific region,

Acknowledging the complex interrelationships among population, economic growth and sustainable development, as well as population distribution, environmental concerns, urbanization and migration,

Taking note of the Asia-Pacific High-level Forum Declaration on Population and Development: Fifteen Years after Cairo, adopted at the Asia-Pacific High-level Forum on ICPD at 15: Accelerating Progress towards the ICPD and Millennium Development Goals,⁸⁶ held in Bangkok on 16 and 17 September 2009, in which the delegates reaffirmed their commitment to fully implement the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development⁸⁷ by 2014 through concerted actions in such critical areas as maternal health; family planning; sexual and reproductive health, including for adolescents; gender equality and women's empowerment; population ageing; and international migration,

Concerned about the uneven progress within the region in implementing the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and achieving the Millennium Development Goals, especially the relatively slow progress made in reducing maternal mortality and ensuring equitable access to reproductive health information and services for all population groups, including the most vulnerable,

⁸⁵ See paras. 122 to 137 above.

⁸⁶ See www.unescap.org/esid/psis/meetings/pop_forum_2009.

⁸⁷ *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.

Recalling its resolution 74 (XXIII) of 17 April 1967 on regional cooperation in the field of population, by which the Asian Population Conference was established as a statutory organ of the Commission, to be convened every ten years, for consideration of all aspects of population questions and their impact on social and economic development,

1. *Calls upon* countries in the Asian and Pacific region to commit themselves to fully implementing the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development;⁸⁷

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, in cooperation with the United Nations Population Fund and other relevant organizations of the United Nations system:

(a) To convene the sixth Asian and Pacific Population Conference in Bangkok in 2012;

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

*Fifth plenary meeting
19 May 2010*

Resolution 66/13

Strengthening regional cooperation in North and Central Asia⁸⁸

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolution 63/5 on the midterm review of the implementation of 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,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 63/260 of 24 December 2008 on development-related activities, whereby the Assembly approved additional regular budget resources for the establishment and operation of three new subregional offices, including the Subregional Office for North and Central Asia, which will also serve as the joint office with the Economic Commission for Europe for the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia, and the strengthening of the existing office for the Pacific,

Recognizing that particular activities and programmes of the three subregional offices established by the General Assembly in its resolution 63/260 may cut across other subregions within the framework of the Commission, and, depending on their nature, may have different participating countries across the subregions,

Recognizing also the importance of having a

⁸⁸ See paras. 153 to 161 above.