

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 Conference<sup>85</sup>**

*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,<sup>86</sup> 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 Development<sup>87</sup> 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,

<sup>85</sup> See paras. 122 to 137 above.

<sup>86</sup> See [www.unescap.org/esid/psis/meetings/pop\\_forum\\_2009](http://www.unescap.org/esid/psis/meetings/pop_forum_2009).

<sup>87</sup> *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;<sup>87</sup>

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 Asia<sup>88</sup>**

*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

<sup>88</sup> See paras. 153 to 161 above.