

and institutional capacity-building for moving towards a people-centred, inclusive and development-oriented information society,

Recognizing the strong demand for the services of the Centre expressed by member States,

Noting with appreciation that the Centre has been conducting its operations through voluntary financial and in kind contributions made by member States and, in particular, by the Government of the Republic of Korea,

Taking note of the recommendation made by the Governing Council of the Centre at its fourth session, held in 2009, that the operations of the Centre continue beyond 2011,⁹³

Taking note also of the report on the evaluation of the Centre submitted to the Commission at its sixty-sixth session⁹⁴ commending the successful performance of the Centre and recommending the continuation of its operations,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Government of the Republic of Korea for its offer to continue to provide financial support to the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development and to serve as its host country;

2. *Decides* that the Centre should continue to operate beyond 2011 as a subsidiary body of the Commission, based on the Statute of the Centre, to strengthen the human and institutional capacities of members and associate members in the use of information and communications technology to support inclusive and sustainable economic and social development;

3. *Calls upon* all members and associate members, and encourages relevant bodies within the United Nations and other international organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations, as appropriate:

(a) To support the efforts of the Centre aimed at strengthening subregional and regional cooperation in information and communications technology capacity-building through the sharing of information, experiences, knowledge and resources;

(b) To actively seek opportunities for collaboration with the Centre in the effort to strengthen

human and institutional capacities in the use of information and communications technology for sustainable socio-economic development in the Asia-Pacific region, including information and communications technology applications for e-government, e-commerce and community e-centres;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to take all steps necessary for the implementation of the present resolution and to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Commission at its sixty-eighth session.

*Fifth plenary meeting
19 May 2010*

Resolution 66/15

Strengthening of the evaluation function of the secretariat of the Commission⁹⁵

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Taking note of the report on evaluation activities of ESCAP during the biennium 2008-2009⁹⁶ and the reports on the evaluations of its regional institutions,⁹⁷

Mindful that evaluation is a significant way to strengthen the accountability of the secretariat vis-à-vis members and associate members by providing evidence-based information on the performance and relevance of the activities and strategic operations of the secretariat, which are meant to assist countries in achieving development results,

1. *Commends* the Executive Secretary for her commitment to continuing to strengthen the evaluation function of the secretariat;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To ensure that the secretariat's programmatic work, including the work of divisions, subregional offices and regional institutions, is evaluated periodically;

(b) To submit to the Commission at its sixty-seventh session a plan for the above-mentioned evaluations.

*Fifth plenary meeting
19 May 2010*

⁹³ See E/ESCAP/66/13, annex III, para. 2.

⁹⁴ E/ESCAP/66/18.

⁹⁵ See paras. 162 to 167 above.

⁹⁶ E/ESCAP/66/17 and Corr.1.

⁹⁷ E/ESCAP/66/18 and Add.1, E/ESCAP/66/19 and Add.1, and E/ESCAP/64/28 and Corr.1.