

1. *Requests* the Executive Secretary, in cooperation with UN-Habitat and other relevant United Nations entities, to continue to support Pacific members and associate members in implementing the Pacific Urban Agenda and Regional Action Framework in collaboration with regional and development partners;

2. *Invites* partner agencies, including regional organizations, to provide members and associate members with technical and financial support to cooperate in the implementation of the Pacific Urban Agenda and the Regional Action Framework;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to support members and associate members in assessing progress in implementing the Pacific Urban Agenda, to convene a subregional workshop in the biennium 2010-2011 for exchange of experience and capacity-building requirements and to report to the Commission at its sixty-eighth session on the outcome of this exercise.

*Fifth plenary meeting
19 May 2010*

Resolution 66/8

Review of the proposal for the establishment of the Asian and Pacific centre for information, communication and space technology-enabled disaster management in the Islamic Republic of Iran⁶⁵

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolution 65/5 of 29 April 2009 on the review of the operational details of the feasibility study for the establishment of an Asian and Pacific centre for information, communication and space technology-enabled disaster management in the Islamic Republic of Iran, in which it noted that the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran had requested additional time in order to provide the Commission with the supplementary information requested in paragraph 1 of its resolution 64/10 of 30 April 2008 on the review of the operational details of the feasibility study for the establishment of an Asian and Pacific centre for information, communications and space technology-enabled disaster management,

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,

1. *Invites* the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran:

(a) To provide the Commission with the supplementary information requested in paragraph 1 of

⁶⁵ See paras. 110 to 121 above.

resolution 64/10;

(b) To consider revising its draft resolution to take into account the outcome of the review requested in paragraph 1 of resolution 64/10, in consultation with the secretariat, for submission to the Commission for consideration at its sixty-seventh session;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to provide the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran with technical assistance, if requested, in the review of the operational details of the proposal.

*Fifth plenary meeting
19 May 2010*

Resolution 66/9

Full and effective implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and its regional and global outcomes in the Asia-Pacific region⁶⁶

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action,⁶⁷ and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly,⁶⁸

Reaffirming the call for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women, as set forth in the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,⁶⁹

Recalling its resolution 61/10 of 18 May 2005 on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly,

Recognizing that eradication of poverty based on sustained economic growth, social development, environmental protection and social justice requires the involvement of women in economic and social development and equal opportunities and the full and equal participation of women and men as agents and beneficiaries of people-centred sustainable development,

Emphasizing that the full and effective implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the promotion of gender equality and of women's empowerment and participation, together with the mainstreaming of a gender perspective, are important to advance the implementation of the

⁶⁶ See paras. 122 to 137 above.

⁶⁷ *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

⁶⁸ General Assembly resolution S-23/2, annex, and resolution S-23/3, annex.

⁶⁹ See General Assembly resolution 55/2.

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 E/ESCAP/66/14 and Corr.1.

⁷¹ Ibid., chap. I.

⁷² 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.