

(b) To ensure effective coordination with other United Nations bodies and agencies, in particular through UN-Energy, and with multilateral agencies and subregional organizations in working towards enhancing the capacity of ESCAP member States;

(c) To collaborate effectively with development partners in order to mobilize financial and technical support to promote regional cooperation for enhanced energy security;

(d) To assist members and associate members in meeting their energy security challenges through: (i) the collaborative development of energy security scenarios; and (ii) the organization of meetings and regional networking arrangements aimed at promoting the exchange of experiences and information;

(e) To convene, in 2013, the Asian and Pacific Energy Forum at the ministerial level to discuss the progress achieved in the Asia-Pacific region in addressing the energy security challenges at the regional, national and household levels, and to facilitate continuous dialogue among member States with a view to enhancing energy security and working towards sustainable development;

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

*Fifth plenary meeting  
25 May 2011*

#### **Resolution 67/3**

#### **Sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific<sup>52</sup>**

*The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,*

*Recognizing* that all the Millennium Development Goals are interconnected and mutually reinforcing, and therefore underline the need to pursue these goals through a holistic and comprehensive approach, as well as the need for the members of the Commission to continue rapid economic growth in order to lift millions of people out of poverty and achieve Millennium Development Goal 1, while keeping environmental sustainability high on the agenda, as proposed in Millennium Development Goal 7, while maintaining the pace of growth and environmental vigilance,

*Noting with satisfaction* the successful holding of the Sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific, held in Astana from 27 September to 2 October 2010, which adopted the Ministerial Declaration on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific, 2010, and the Regional Implementation Plan for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific, 2011-2015, and welcomed and endorsed the Astana “Green Bridge” Initiative: Europe-Asia-Pacific Partnership for the Implementation of “Green Growth”,<sup>53</sup> as outcomes of the Sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development,

*Noting* that the Astana “Green Bridge” Initiative is intended to provide a forum for dialogue among European, Asian and Pacific countries and therefore can serve as a contribution to the preparatory process for the Seventh Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe”, to be held in 2011,

*Noting with appreciation* the continuous commitment of the Government of Kazakhstan, which has provided financial, expert and logistic support for the

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<sup>52</sup> See paras. 129 to 145 above.

<sup>53</sup> See E/ESCAP/67/8.

development of the Astana “Green Bridge” Initiative and its draft partnership programme, the establishment of a secretariat (“Green Bridge” Office) and the preparatory meeting for the Seventh Ministerial Conference “Environment for Europe” to discuss the Europe Asia-Pacific partnership programme of Green Growth of the Astana “Green Bridge” Initiative held in Astana on 5 May 2011,

*Reaffirming its commitment* to fostering regional and intraregional cooperation activities aimed at furthering progress towards sustainable development,

1. *Welcomes and recognizes* the outcomes of the Sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific;<sup>54</sup>

2. *Emphasizes* that the Ministerial Declaration on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific, 2010, which outlines Asian and Pacific perspectives and approaches to achieving sustainable development, can serve as a regional input to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development;

3. *Encourages* all members and associate members of the Commission:

(a) To participate actively, as appropriate, in the implementation of the three outcome documents<sup>54</sup> of the Ministerial Conference;

(b) To formulate programmes and strategies, as appropriate, to implement the Regional Implementation Plan for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific, 2011-2015, at the national, regional and subregional levels;

(c) To encourage the private sector and civil society to participate in activities related to the Astana “Green Bridge” Initiative;

(d) To facilitate joint research on the development and application of policies and tools, including environmentally sound technologies, and take all practical steps to promote and facilitate, as appropriate, the transfer of, or access to, environmentally sound technologies;

(e) To promote knowledge-sharing networks to exchange experiences and analyses and lessons learned from sustainable development pilot projects highlighting pro-poor pro-environment growth;

(f) To support the necessary flow of new technologies and transfer of know-how and technologies for capacity-building to developing countries in the Asian and Pacific region;

4. *Invites* all United Nations bodies and specialized agencies concerned, multilateral financial institutions and donors, as well as non-governmental organizations, to contribute to and be part of the partnership programme of the Astana “Green Bridge” Initiative;

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To assist members and associate members, upon request, in implementing the provisions of the Ministerial Declaration on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific, 2010;

(b) To assist, upon request, countries in the region by providing technical assistance in the execution of the Regional Implementation Plan for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific, 2011-2015, and relevant national strategies and actions;

(c) To organize policy dialogues and forums on issues under the six programme areas covered by the Regional Implementation Plan;

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<sup>54</sup> E/ESCAP/67/8, chap. I.

(d) To support the implementation of the Astana “Green Bridge” Initiative and its proposed programme for partnership between Europe and Asia and the Pacific, through various activities, including participation in meetings and conferences organized by the Government of Kazakhstan and the Economic Commission for Europe;

(e) To encourage strongly effective coordination and joint pursuit of the regional activities of the relevant United Nations bodies and specialized agencies in facilitating the implementation of the recommendations of the Ministerial Conference;

(f) To report on the progress made in the execution of the Regional Implementation Plan based on information provided by members and associate members, on a voluntary basis, to the 2013 session of the Committee on Environment and Development, and to the Seventh Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific, in 2015;

(g) To convene the Seventh Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific in 2015.

*Fifth plenary meeting  
25 May 2011*

#### **Resolution 67/4**

#### **Establishment of the Asian and Pacific centre for the development of disaster information management<sup>55</sup>**

*The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,*

*Expressing* deep concern at the increasing number and expanding scale of disasters triggered by natural hazards in recent years and their social, economic and environmental impacts on vulnerable people and societies, especially in developing countries,

*Recalling* the outcome of the World Conference on Disaster Reduction in 2005<sup>56</sup> and the adoption of the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters<sup>57</sup> and its strategic goals and priorities for action as well as recommendations, which include establishing or strengthening existing specialized regional collaborative centres, as appropriate, to undertake research, training, education and capacity-building in the field of disaster risk reduction,<sup>58</sup>

*Recalling also* its resolution 63/10 of 23 May 2007 on the review of modalities for regional cooperation in natural disaster management, in particular the establishment of an Asian and Pacific centre for information, communication and space technology-enabled disaster management, in which, among other things, it recognized the significant role of natural disaster management in achieving sustainable development and poverty reduction and acknowledged the importance of natural disaster information management,

*Recalling further* paragraph 1 of its resolution 66/8 of 19 May 2010 on the 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 Iran, in which it noted with appreciation the generous offer of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to host the proposed centre, and

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<sup>55</sup> See paras. 165 to 182 above.

<sup>56</sup> See A/CONF.206/6, chap. I, and Corr.1.

<sup>57</sup> Ibid., resolution 2.

<sup>58</sup> Ibid., para. 31 (d).