

2. *Invites* all members and associate members to participate actively in the process of developing the programmes of the Centre and to support its activities, as appropriate, in a comprehensive manner;

3. *Encourages* the United Nations and other international and regional organizations and agencies as well as non-governmental agencies to support actively the process for the establishment of the Centre;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to support the process for the establishment of the Centre, including, inter alia, the development of the required modalities and arrangements for its operationalization through:

(a) Enhanced engagement under ESCAP subprogramme 5, Information and communications technology and disaster risk reduction, with the more vulnerable countries and subregions in the areas of disaster risk reduction and disaster information management;

(b) Enhanced engagement under the ESCAP subregional offices in the areas of disaster risk reduction and disaster information management;

(c) Cooperation with United Nations entities, in particular with the Asia Pacific Office of the Inter-Agency Secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction, and with other international, regional and non-governmental entities;

(d) Inclusion of the details of the activities under paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) above in the secretariat's annual reporting to the Commission;

5. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to include in the secretariat's evaluation plan for 2013 an evaluation of the activities under paragraph 4 and the need for, and benefit of, establishing the Centre as a subsidiary body of the Commission for the development of disaster information management, and to submit the results of that evaluation to the Commission at its seventieth session.

*Fifth plenary meeting
25 May 2011*

Resolution 67/5

Full and effective implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing in the Asia-Pacific region⁶²

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 57/167 of 18 December 2002 on the follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing, in which the Assembly endorsed the Political Declaration⁶³ and the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002,⁶⁴

Also recalling General Assembly resolution 65/182 of 21 December 2010 on the follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing, in which the Assembly encouraged all Member States to further implement the Madrid Plan of Action as an integral part of their national development plans and poverty eradication strategies, and recommended an expanded role for the regional commissions on ageing issues,

⁶² See paras. 184 to 209 above.

⁶³ *Report of the Second World Assembly on Ageing, Madrid, 8-12 April 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.IV.4), annex I.

⁶⁴ *Ibid.*, annex II.

Further recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 2010/14 of 22 July 2010 on the future implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002, in which the Council decided to conduct the second global review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action in 2013 at the fifty-first session of the Commission for Social Development, and acknowledged the essential contributions of the United Nations regional commissions to the implementation, review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action, including the organization of regional review and appraisal meetings and the preparation of their outcome documents,

Recognizing the unprecedented pace of demographic transition towards an ageing society in the Asia-Pacific region and its profound and far-reaching social, economic and political implications,

Noting the enormous demand for elderly care services and the human resource gaps in meeting the needs of older persons in the region,

Also noting the higher proportion of women among older persons,

Concerned about the vulnerability of older persons, in particular older women, to poverty, social isolation and violence,

Welcoming the holding of the Regional Seminar on Health Promotion and Active Ageing in Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok on 15 and 16 November 2010, and the Regional Forum on Elderly Care Services in Asia and the Pacific in Nanjing, China, on 21 and 22 January 2011, which contributed to the review of the implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action, in particular, on health and care of the elderly,

Noting with appreciation the support provided by the Government of China to the Commission's programme on ageing, including the capacity development inputs of the newly established Human Resource Development Centre for Elderly Care Services based in Zhongshan College, Nanjing, China,

1. *Decides* to convene the Asia-Pacific High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Second Regional Review and Appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing in early 2012 to provide a regional input to the global review;

2. *Encourages* all members and associate members:

(a) To accelerate the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing;⁶⁴

(b) To conduct a national review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action using, among other things, a bottom-up participatory approach;

(c) To ensure high-level representation in the Asia-Pacific High-level Intergovernmental Meeting;

(d) To provide financial or other forms of support for regional cooperation aimed at promoting the implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action in the Asia-Pacific region;

(e) To incorporate a gender perspective into all policy actions on ageing, and to strengthen the empowerment and legal protection of older persons, in particular older women;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To further emphasize the role of the Commission in supporting members and associate members in implementing the Madrid Plan of Action;

(b) To provide members and associate members, upon request, with technical assistance to strengthen their capacity for effective implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action, including its review and appraisal;

(c) To facilitate the sharing of experiences and good practices on ageing, including the monitoring and implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action;

(d) To support members and associate members, upon request, in developing their national capacities for the provision of elderly care services in cooperation with existing training institutions focusing on ageing in the region;

(e) To encourage the participation of all key stakeholders, including civil society organizations and the private sector, in the preparatory process for the second global review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action;

4. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary 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 67/6

Enhancing accessibility for persons with disabilities at ESCAP⁶⁵

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Welcoming the entry into force of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities⁶⁶ on 3 May 2008,

Recalling that the General Assembly, in its resolutions 61/106 of 13 December 2006 and 62/170 of 18 December 2007, requested the United Nations system to make concerted efforts to improve the accessibility of its facilities and services for persons with disabilities,

Also recalling that the General Assembly, in its resolution 65/186 of 21 December 2010, urged the United Nations system to make a concerted effort to integrate disability issues into its work,

Reaffirming the region's commitment to the principles of creating inclusive and barrier-free societies as outlined in the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action towards an Inclusive, Barrier-free and Rights-based Society for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific⁶⁷ and Biwako Plus Five: towards an Inclusive, Barrier-free and Rights-based Society for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific,⁶⁸

Recalling its resolution 64/8 of 30 April 2008, in which the Commission requested the Executive Secretary to improve the accessibility of the facilities and services of ESCAP for persons with disabilities, in collaboration with United Nations agencies and organizations and disabled persons' organizations,

Noting the progress made by the secretariat in improving the accessibility of its facilities and services for persons with disabilities and acknowledging the need to continue such efforts in line with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,

⁶⁵ See paras. 184 to 209 above.

⁶⁶ General Assembly resolution 61/106, annex I.

⁶⁷ E/ESCAP/APDDP/4/Rev.1 (see also Commission resolution 59/3).

⁶⁸ E/ESCAP/APDDP(2)/2 (see also Commission resolution 64/8).