

6. *Invites* members to make use of programmes offered by the Centre for Space Science and Technology Education in Asia and the Pacific for capacity-building in space technologies and the Geographic Information System;

7. *Calls for* continued support to activities under the Regional Space Applications Programme for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific in promoting space technology applications;

8. *Invites* member States to carry out activities relevant to the Asia-Pacific Years of Action, including:

(a) Hosting workshops in cooperation with United Nations bodies and other international/intergovernmental organizations as well as regional and subregional entities, such as the Asia-Pacific Regional Space Agency Forum, the Asia-Pacific Space Cooperation Organization and the Asian Development Bank;

(b) Promoting initiatives such as Sentinel Asia, Space Applications For Environment, the Regional Readiness Review for Key Climate Missions, and Asia-Oceania experiments of Global Navigation Satellite Systems that include the Quasi-Zenith Satellite System;

9. *Invites* all relevant specialized agencies and bodies of the United Nations system as well as intergovernmental, regional and subregional organizations and other stakeholders to take action in support of the Asia-Pacific Years of Action;

10. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to facilitate the organization of activities associated with the Asia-Pacific Years of Action in collaboration with other regional initiatives;

11. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its seventy-second session on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution and at its seventy-fourth session on the progress made in the attainment of the objectives of the Asia-Pacific Years of Action.

*Fifth plenary meeting
23 May 2012*

Resolution 68/6

Asia-Pacific regional preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014⁸⁷

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling that the General Assembly, in its resolution 65/234 of 22 December 2010, decided to convene a special session during its sixty-ninth session in order to assess the status of implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,⁸⁸ and to renew political support for actions required for the full achievement of the goals and objectives of the Programme of Action,

Also recalling that the General Assembly, in the same resolution, called upon the United Nations Population Fund to undertake an operational review of the implementation of the Programme of Action, and invited all other relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to contribute, as appropriate, to the special session as well as to its preparation,

⁸⁷ See paras. 175 to 203 above.

⁸⁸ *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.

Further recalling that the General Assembly, in the same resolution, also encouraged Governments to undertake reviews of the progress achieved and the constraints faced therein in the implementation of the Programme of Action at all levels, particularly at the national level and at the level of international cooperation,

Recalling its resolution 66/12 of 19 May 2010 on the sixth Asian and Pacific Population Conference, in which it requested the Executive Secretary to convene the sixth Asian and Pacific Population Conference in Bangkok in 2012 in cooperation with the United Nations Population Fund and other relevant organizations of the United Nations system,

Taking note of the proposed regional preparatory activities to be undertaken by the secretariat in cooperation with the United Nations Population Fund to support members and associate members in preparing for the special session,⁸⁹

Mindful of the significant linkage between the International Conference on Population and Development and the Asian and Pacific Population Conference and the need to align the convening of the forthcoming sixth Asian and Pacific Population Conference with the global process leading up to the special session in order to achieve synergies and impact,

1. *Decides* to postpone the convening of the sixth Asian and Pacific Population Conference in Bangkok to 2013 with a view to utilizing the Conference as an intergovernmental platform for regional preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014;

2. *Also decides* that critical population and development issues, such as (a) sexual and reproductive health, including maternal health, family planning and prevention and treatment of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases, (b) gender equality and women's empowerment, (c) population ageing, (d) international migration, (e) urbanization, (f) education, and (g) regional and international cooperation in the field of population and development, be considered in the work of the sixth Asian and Pacific Population Conference as part of the process of assessing the status of implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development⁸⁸ and recommending actions required at all levels for the full achievement of its goals and objectives, with particular attention to accelerating the reduction of maternal mortality and access to sexual and reproductive health information and services for all, especially for young people and vulnerable groups;

3. *Further decides* that the outcome of the sixth Asian and Pacific Population Conference serve as a regional input to the special session of the General Assembly on the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014;

4. *Emphasizes* the need for all members and associate members to recommit themselves to fully implementing the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development;⁸⁸

5. *Also emphasizes* that financial resources should be used effectively by recipient countries to meet national population and development objectives, so as to assist donors to secure commitment to further resources for programmes;

6. *Further emphasizes* the need for complementary resource flows from the international community, including donor countries, for the implementation of the

⁸⁹ See E/ESCAP/68/2, para. 113.

Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development;

7. *Underlines* the need for national capacity-building for population and development and transfer of appropriate technology and know-how to developing countries to be core objectives and central activities for international cooperation at the programme level. It should be stressed that the international community was called on to consider such measures as the transfer of technologies to developing countries to produce and distribute high-quality items for reproductive health services in order to strengthen the self-reliance of these countries;

8. *Encourages* all members and associate members to undertake national reviews of the progress achieved in the implementation of the Programme of Action and the constraints faced therein;

9. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To prepare a regional overview on the basis of the national reviews of the progress achieved in the implementation of the Programme of Action and the constraints faced therein for the consideration of the sixth Asian and Pacific Population Conference;

(b) To report to the Commission at its seventy-first session on the implementation of the present resolution.

*Fifth plenary meeting
23 May 2012*

Resolution 68/7
Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022⁹⁰

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons,⁹¹ the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities⁹² and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,⁹³

Recalling also previous General Assembly resolutions on the internationally agreed goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, in which the Assembly recognized the collective responsibility of Governments to uphold the principles of human dignity, equality and equity at the global level, and stressed the duty of member States to achieve greater justice and equality for all, in particular persons with disabilities,

Recalling its resolutions 48/3 of 23 April 1992 and 58/4 of 22 May 2002, in which it proclaimed the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons from 1993 to 2002, and its extension from 2003 to 2012, as well as the establishment of the United Nations trust fund for the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons,

Expressing appreciation to the members and associate members as well as to the other stakeholders in the Asian and Pacific region, including persons with disabilities, for their commitment to promoting the rights of persons with disabilities, including through their financial contribution to the aforementioned fund and other funds,

⁹⁰ See paras. 175 to 203 above.

⁹¹ A/37/351/Add.1 and Corr.1, annex, sect. VIII, recommendation I (IV).

⁹² General Assembly resolution 48/96, annex.

⁹³ General Assembly resolution 61/106, annex I.