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71/9. Strengthening cooperation on sustainable management of water resources in Asia and the Pacific

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling paragraph 119 of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development entitled “The future we want”, in which the Conference recognized that water was at the core of sustainable development and was closely linked to a number of key global challenges,¹

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 69/215 of 19 December 2014 on the International Decade for Action, “Water for Life”, 2005-2015 and further efforts to achieve the sustainable development of water resources, in which the Assembly encouraged Member States, the Secretariat, organizations of the United Nations system through their coordination mechanisms, including UN-Water, and major groups to accelerate their efforts to achieve internationally agreed water-related goals,

Noting the sustainable development goal proposed by the Open Working Group of the General Assembly on Sustainable Development Goals to ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all,

Noting also its resolution 69/8 of 1 May 2013 on enhancing knowledge-sharing and cooperation in integrated water resources management in Asia and the Pacific,

Noting further that the Ministerial Declaration of the 7th World Water Forum supported the inclusion of one dedicated water goal and water-related targets in the post-2015 development agenda, which is expected to be adopted at the United Nations Summit in September 2015 and recognizing that transboundary water cooperation, based on win-win solutions, can contribute to sound management of the transboundary waters among riparian countries, and to sustainable development,

¹ General Assembly resolution 66/288, annex.

Reaffirming the role of multilateral, regional and subregional intergovernmental organizations and funds, bilateral arrangements, United Nations programmes, and other international organizations in fostering dialogue and supporting cooperation in the field of integrated management of transboundary water resources, underlining that they have an important role to play in the efforts to implement the evolving post-2015 development agenda,

1. *Invites* members and associate members, donor countries, multilateral financial institutions, relevant agencies and organizations of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental and regional organizations to continue their efforts within their respective mandates to support joint projects and programmes on sustainable management of water resources in Asia and the Pacific;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To use existing regional platforms for the dissemination of knowledge and exchange of experiences, including those on the use of new financing mechanisms and good practices in intergovernmental cooperation on sustainable management of water resources;

(b) To continue consultations with members and associate members upon their request, and in coordination with relevant international organizations, including multilateral financial institutions, United Nations agencies, intergovernmental, regional and subregional organizations, and relevant programmes and bilateral arrangements, on the development and implementation of projects supporting regional cooperation on sustainable management of transboundary water resources within their respective mandates;

(c) To report back to the Commission at its seventy-third session on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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29 May 2015*