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75/3. Advancing partnerships within and across regions for the sustainable development of Asia and the Pacific

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015 on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and resolution 70/299 of 29 July 2016 on the follow-up to and review of the 2030 Agenda at the global level, in which the Assembly acknowledged the importance of the regional and subregional dimensions of the follow-up to and review of the 2030 Agenda,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 72/279 of 31 May 2018 on the repositioning of the United Nations development system in the context of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, in which, inter alia, the Assembly reaffirmed the role and functions of the United Nations development system at the regional level, including the regional economic commissions and the regional teams of the United Nations development system,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 73/291 of 15 April 2019, in which the Assembly recognized that South-South and triangular cooperation contributed to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and reaffirmed the role of the regional commissions in supporting South-South and triangular cooperation initiatives, in accordance with their respective mandates, and bearing in mind the ongoing United Nations development system reform, through ongoing activities such as enhancing connectivity and by harnessing the human and other resources of relevant knowledge networks, partnerships, technical and research capacity to enhance subregional, regional and interregional South-South and triangular cooperation,

Recalling resolution 73/1 of 19 May 2017 of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific on aligning its conference structure with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and resolution 73/9 of 19 May 2017 on the regional road map for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific,

Recognizing the importance of partnerships within and across regions and subregions for the effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including in terms of sharing knowledge of business

models, best practices and home-grown approaches and building capacities for implementation,

Noting with appreciation the ongoing consultations between the United Nations, including the Commission, and subregional, regional and interregional organizations and frameworks to promote dialogue and cooperation in Asia and the Pacific to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals,

1. *Calls for* the strengthening of partnerships among member States, subregional, regional and interregional organizations and frameworks, and development partners, and in particular the United Nations system, in promoting sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific;

2. *Recommends* exploring complementarities between the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development¹ and the regional road maps and development strategies and priorities of subregional, regional and interregional organizations and frameworks;

3. *Encourages* member States to identify and promote business models, best practices and home-grown approaches for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

4. *Invites* subregional, regional and interregional organizations and frameworks to collaborate with the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in promoting sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific region;

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To strengthen cooperation, with subregional, regional and interregional organizations and frameworks in (i) identifying complementarities between their development strategies and priorities and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; (ii) the follow-up to and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in Asia and the Pacific; and (iii) identifying and analysing business models, best practices and home-grown approaches for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and sharing them within and across subregions and regions;

(b) To explore, in consultation with member States, options for establishing networks to support the capacities of countries in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in Asia and the Pacific;

(c) To strengthen cooperation with the other United Nations regional commissions in the follow-up to and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and in sharing business models, best practices and home-grown approaches for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals;

(d) As convener of the Asia-Pacific Regional Coordination Mechanism, to strengthen and promote communication, cooperation and collaboration among the relevant specialized agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system in the Asia-Pacific region and other stakeholders, as appropriate, in support of efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by member States, in particular least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and Pacific island developing countries;

¹ General Assembly resolution 70/1.

(e) To assist with implementing in the Asia-Pacific region the recommendations contained in General Assembly resolution 73/291, taking into account regional and subregional specificities, including by harnessing the human and other resources of relevant knowledge networks, partnerships, technical and research capacity by exchanging experiences on best practices on issues related to sustainable development and the 2030 Agenda and by convening regional forums in which developing countries can exchange experiences and coordinate their own South-South and triangular cooperation initiatives, including by discussing non-binding voluntary methodologies and building upon existing experiences for accounting and evaluating South-South and triangular cooperation;

6. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its seventy-seventh session on progress in the implementation of the present resolution.

*5th plenary meeting
31 May 2019*
