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PART I

NOTE ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRD SESSION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST

CHAPTER I

Introduction

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, established by resolution at the Fourth Session of the Economic and Social Council on 28 March 1947, has had three sessions. The report of the First and Second Sessions (E/CN.11/53) was circulated to the Council as document E/606 and considered by the Council at its Sixth Session, when the following resolution was taken on 8 March 1948:

"THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

HAVING CONSIDERED the report of the First and Second Sessions of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

APPROVES the admission of the Government of New Zealand as a Member of the Commission;

TAKES NOTE of the action taken by the Commission at its first and second sessions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in its terms of reference; and

REQUESTS that preliminary study be undertaken by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the specialized agencies concerned, of the recommendation that a Bureau of Flood Control be established for Asia and the Far East, and that its results be submitted to the Third Session of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East with a view to the preparation and submission to the seventh session of the Council by the Commission of proposals concerning the appropriate methods of dealing with the problems of flood control. (Document E/CN.11/72)."

Consequent upon the admission of New Zealand to membership of the Commission, and the entry of Pakistan and subsequently of Burma into membership of the United Nations, the Commission is composed of representatives from the following countries:

Australia, Burma, China, France, India, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Siam, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom, and United States of America.

Consequent upon the admission at the Second Session of the following countries as associate members, their representatives attended /the Third Session:

the Third Session: Cambodia, Ceylon, Hongkong, Laos, Malaya and British Borneo.

At the Third Session the Hon. John Matthai (India) was elected Chairman, and H.E. The Hon. Sao Hkun Hkio, the Sawbwa of Mongmit (Burma), Vice-Chairman.

Representatives and observers of the International Labour Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Monetary Fund, as well as the World Health Organization were present. From the Fortieth Plenary Session the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization was also represented.

Representatives of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers in Japan, the USAMGIK and the Commissioner-General in South East Asia were present as observers.

The USSR delegations raised the question of the Executive Secretary's right to admit the representative of the SCAP in Japan and the American Military Government in South Korea, but the Chairman said that in his view the action taken by the Executive Secretary was with the approval of the Commission at its last session in Baguio, and in accordance with the Commission's terms of reference.

Following the thirty-ninth plenary meeting, Observers from the International Chamber of Commerce were present.

The Third Session was opened by the Honourable Pandit Nehru, Prime Minister of the Dominion of India.

During the course of the Session the Chairman and Vice-Chairman examined the credentials of members in accordance with Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure, and these credentials were found to be from properly constituted authorities.

At the Third Session the following were in attendance:

<u>Australia:</u>	Delegate: Mr. E. E. Ward
	Alternate: Mr. A. Taysom
<u>Burma:</u>	Delegate: H.E. The Hon. Sao Hkun Hkio, The Sawbwa of Mongmit
	Alternate: H.E. The Hon. U. Tin
<u>China:</u>	Delegate: Dr. C. M. Li
<u>France:</u>	Delegate: Mr. H. C. Maux
	Alternate: Mr. F. Rosenfeld
<u>India:</u>	Delegate: The Hon. Dr. J. Matthai
	Alternates: The Hon. Dr. Syama Prasad Mukerjee The Hon. H. S. Reddy

/Netherlands:

Netherlands: Delegate: Prof. H. C. H. J. Gelissen
Alternate: Mr. Wisaksono Wirjoodihardjo

New Zealand: Delegate: Brigadier F. L. Hunt
Alternate: Mr. R. R. Cunninghame

Philippines: Delegate: The Hon. M. Cuaderno Sr.
Alternates: Mr. L. Virata
Dr. A. V. Castillo

Pakistan: Delegate: Dr. L. K. Hyder
Alternate: Mr. H. S. M. Ishaque

Siam: Delegate: Phra Nararaj-Chamnong
Alternate: Mr. Boonma Wongsuan

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics: Delegate: H.E. Ambassador K. V. Novikov
Alternate: Mr. L. Semenas

United Kingdom: Delegate: Sir Andrew Clow
Alternate: Mr. P. J. H. Stent

United States of America: Delegate: H.E. Ambassador H. F. Grady
Alternate: Mr. S. H. Day

Associate Members:

Cambodia: Delegate: H.E. Sonn Voeunsai
Alternate: H.E. Thonn Ouk

Ceylon: Delegate: Mr. K. Vaithianathan
Alternate: Dr. B. B. Das Gupta

Hongkong: Delegate: Dr. S. N. Chau
Alternate: Mr. I. M. Lightbody

Laos: Delegate: H.E. Bong Souvannavong
Alternate: H.E. Kou Voravong

Malaya and British Borneo: Delegate: Haji Mohamed Eusoff
Alternate: Dr. F. C. Benham

Representatives of Specialized Agencies:

Food and Agriculture Organization: Dr. C. Taeuber
International Labour Organization: Mme. M. Thibert
World Health Organization: Dr. Gellner
United Nations Educational, Scientific,
and Cultural Organization: Dr. Y. S. Kuo

Observers of Specialized Agencies:

International Bank }
International Monetary Fund } Dr. Gyan-chand

/Observers:

Observers:

International Chamber of Commerce:

Mr. R. P. Chettiar

Mr. R. F. Holder

Mr. S. H. Pan

Supreme Commander of the Allied

Powers in Japan:

Mr. Emerson Ross

Mr. M. Sapir

United States Army Military Government

in Korea:

Mr. Oh Chengsoo

Mr. J. H. Thorn

Commissioner-General in South East Asia:

Lt. Col. H. C. Kerr

CHAPTER II

EXTRACT FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S PROGRESS REPORT TO THE COMMISSION (Document E/CN.11/91)

The Executive Secretary particularly welcomed the representatives of Burma and New Zealand as full members. He drew attention to the clarification secured in the Commission's relations with the specialized agencies. In accordance with the decision taken at the second session of the Commission, he had had discussions with representatives of FAO whose report was now before the Commission together with his comments. He said that if the proposal to establish a Joint Working Party of ECAFE and FAO were approved, it would pave the way to continuous study of all problems relating to food and agricultural reconstruction in the region.

On the question of technical training and the use of expert assistance by member governments, a Special Officer had been deputed by the ILO to assist the Commission. Arrangements had also been made for full exchange of information between UNESCO and ECAFE. The International Monetary Fund and the International Bank had agreed to consider favourably requests for seconding their officers, and had promised access to their research studies, in dealing with matters of currency stabilization, exchange resources and capital requirements in the region.

The relationship being developed between the Commission and the various organs of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies augured well for effective co-ordination of functions.

The documents circulated arose almost exclusively from the resolutions of the Second Session. The only exception was the paper recommending additions to the rules of procedure to allow consultation with non-governmental organizations; this was consequent upon resolution E/770 of the sixth session of ECOSOC and should prove of considerable value in the Commission's various fields of activity.

He welcomed the co-operation obtained from individual member governments and from the Supreme Commander of Allied Powers in Japan.

The Industrial Working Party had presented an interim report and recommendations, which, if approved, would enable its work to be completed within a reasonable period.

The report on promotion of trade in the region recommended the establishment on a more permanent basis of a Regional Trade Promotion Bureau.

/A scheme for

A scheme for interchange of trainees within Asia had been well received by governments, and could begin to operate, after further discussion, as soon as the Commission endorsed its general principle.

In several aspects of the Commission's work, the urgent need for restoration of transport was apparent. The Transport and Communications Commission of the United Nations had recommended a meeting of experts to consider the inland transport problems of Asia. He suggested that the Commission give immediate attention to the expansion of transport facilities.

Regarding statistical and economic documentation the Secretariat had made considerable progress. For the present the suggested arrangement with the Statistical Office at Lake Success seemed to be satisfactory.

Members had received copies of the Annual Economic Survey of the region. It had not been possible to have it ready for discussion at the present session but perhaps at the next session it could be discussed at length. In the meantime he would welcome comments and criticisms.

He recalled the purposes for which ECAFE was set up and the urgent nature of its work. Much of its work would take time. What was needed now was a great acceleration in the process of estimating the region's needs in reconstruction and development.

Whilst appreciating the help received from governments, he hoped that initiative would be taken by member governments in bringing up subjects for the agenda of the Commission meetings.

He suggested that each member government should nominate a liaison officer to assist the Secretariat. This would strengthen the latter's hand in carrying out the Commission's directives.

CHAPTER III

Associate Members

At the Second Session a Resolution had been taken postponing until the Third Session the application of the Netherlands Indies (Indonesia) and of the Indonesian Republic for Associate Membership to the Commission. (Document E/CN.11/58).

At the thirty-third meeting, after considerable debate, the question was adjourned for three days in order to allow time for the Netherlands, which sponsored the application of the Netherlands Indies (Indonesia), India, which sponsored the application of the Indonesian Republic and China which made the suggestion to reach an agreed solution for presentation to the Commission; and

At the thirty-seventh plenary meeting the matter was again discussed and again adjourned for three days.

At the thirty-eighth meeting the matter was again discussed. The delegate from Philippines moved that consideration of the applications of the Netherlands Indies and of the Republic of Indonesia for Associate Membership be postponed until the next session of the Commission, and was seconded by the delegate from Netherlands. After considerable debate, during which the Australian, Pakistan and Soviet delegations supported the proposal of India regarding the admission of the Republic of Indonesia as an Associate Member of the Commission, the motion to postpone consideration until the next session was adopted by a majority.

The Executive Secretary had received, from the Government of Nepal, an application to send an Observer to the Third Session. The Government was informed that under the terms of reference Nepal was not within the geographic scope of the Commission but that its request would be brought to the notice of the Chairman. The Commission, after discussion, adopted a resolution proposed by the Indian delegate requesting the Economic and Social Council to amend the terms of reference of the Commission by enlarging its geographic scope so as to include Nepal. (See Part II - Document E/CN.11/103).

CHAPTER IV

Rules of Procedure

Following the Resolution of the Council that the Commission should consider the formulation of Rules of Procedure to provide for consultation with non-governmental organizations (document E/770) the Secretariat submitted draft additions to the Rules of Procedure. After discussion in plenary session and subsequently in a drafting committee, amended Rules of Procedure were adopted at the thirty-ninth meeting allowing for arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations. The Soviet delegation proposed that consultations be carried on only with those non-governmental organizations whose activities spread to the region of ECAFE, but this was not accepted.

(Part II - Document E/CN.11/100/Rev.1)

An amendment was also adopted to Rule 3 to allow for distribution of relevant documents at the same time as the provisional agenda.

(See Part II - E/CN.11/112)

The hope was expressed that one copy of the documents in the appropriate working language prepared by the Secretariat and other organs of the Commission for examination at sessions of the Commission would be despatched by airmail by the Executive Secretary on the due date to all the member Governments. If there is a local representative of a member country at the headquarters of the Commission, additional copies of the documents should be handed to that representative at the time of despatch.

See Part III for the amended Rules of Procedure. (E/CN.11/2/Rev.3)

CHAPTER V

Industrial Development

This was referred to Committee I, the Honourable M. Cauderno (Philippines) being elected Chairman and Mr. P. J. H. Stent (United Kingdom) Rapporteur. The main resolution of the Committee to continue the Working Party and to co-opt additional Experts to prepare studies in six specialized fields was accepted by the Commission although the Soviet Delegation had made a counter proposal re: the creation of a committee to assist the development of national industries in the countries of the region.

(See Part II - E/CN.11/114)

The Committee also considered the Resolution accepted in principle by the Commission re: the early convening of a meeting of Inland Transport Experts (E/CN.11/108). The Commission after considering the Committee's recommendations re-endorsed the resolution and resolved that the results of the special study of Transport and Transport Equipment in relation to industry called for under Resolution E/CN.11/114 should be made available to this Meeting of Inland Transport Experts when convened.

(See Part II - E/CN.11/115)

CHAPTER VI

Technical Training

This was referred to Committee II, Mr. A. Khaleeli (Pakistan) being elected Chairman, and Mr. F. Rosenfeld (France), Rapporteur. The Soviet Delegation made a proposal regarding the creation of a Special Committee on Labour, which would also study the question of technical training but this was not accepted, as it was felt that a large part of the work of the proposed Committee would fall within the scope of ILO. The position of the Soviet delegation on this subject was explained at the meeting of the Committee as well as at the fortieth Plenary Meeting of the Commission.

The Report and Resolution were adopted at the fortieth Plenary Meeting of the Commission. The Commission resolved that the efforts of the Executive Secretary in close collaboration with the Specialized Agencies concerned be renewed and expedited in order that machinery be established to carry out the programme passed at the Commission's last session in Baguio and that pending formal agreement on the machinery the Secretariat create a Working Section on Technical Training and the use of Expert Assistance.

(Part II - Document E/CN.11/111).

CHAPTER VII

Trade Promotion

This was referred to Committee III and Mr. Bland Calder (United States of America) was elected Chairman.

In the meeting of the Committee, the Soviet delegation proposed the creation of a Committee to assist the development of trade, but this was not accepted. The position of the Soviet delegation on this subject was stated at the meetings of the Committee as well as at the forty-first Plenary Meeting of the Commission.

At the thirty-ninth and fortieth meetings the Report and attached Resolutions were discussed. The Resolution regarding the Contribution of the Japanese Economy to the Reconstruction and Development of the ECAFE region (document E/CN.11/113) was amended in the light of discussions in Committee I. There was considerable discussion regarding the statement that working arrangements with Japan should be based on the principle that within the limits set by the Far Eastern Commission and the Peace Settlement, when concluded; Japan's trade and industrial plans should be adjusted to the needs and requirements of the economic development of member and associate member countries. At the fortieth session the vote was equally divided on an amendment to the proposal. At the forty-first session this amendment was rejected and at the forty-third session the original proposal was adopted. The other three resolutions recommended by the Committee on Trade Promotion were accepted without amendment by the Commission which also adopted the Committee's report.

(See Part II - Documents E/CN.11/104, 105, 109 & 113)

CHAPTER VIII

Food and Agriculture

This was referred to Committee IV, Mr. K. Vaithianathan (Ceylon) being elected Chairman and Mr. H. S. M. Ishaque (Pakistan) Rapporteur.

The report and resolutions were discussed at the forty second Plenary Meeting and subsequently amendments were made to the report. The Commission approved the establishment of a Joint FAO/ECAFE Working Party on Agricultural Requisites, recommended the convening of a conference of officials engaged in the task of reconstruction in relation to food and agriculture in the ECAFE region jointly by the Food and Agriculture Organization and the Commission, and of a meeting of experts by the Food and Agriculture Organization on timber standardization. The Soviet delegation objected to the establishment of the Joint FAO/ECAFE Working Party as being unconstitutional, but the Commission deemed it as falling within the terms of reference of the Commission. The resolution regarding prices of cereal exports was replaced by a resolution submitted by the delegation for Burma which had been originally rejected in Committee. The report and resolutions were adopted by the Commission at the forty-third Plenary Meeting.

(See Part II - Documents E/CN.11/116, 117, 118 & 119)

CHAPTER IX

Flood Control

After discussion in plenary meeting this was referred to Committee V, and the Honourable Sao Wunna (Burma) was elected Chairman.

At the fortieth plenary session the Report and attached Resolution were adopted following a brief discussion. The Commission resolved to recommend for adoption by the ECOSOC a draft resolution favouring the establishment of a Bureau of Flood Control to be responsible to the Commission. The United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics however opposed the Resolution, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics for the reason that their proposal to limit the training of Flood Control specialists to citizens of countries of Asia and the Far East, was not accepted.

(Part II - Document E/CN.11/110)

CHAPTER X

Inland Transport

At the thirty-sixth plenary meeting a Resolution was adopted endorsing the recommendation of the Transport and Communications Commission to the Economic and Social Council and expressing the intention of calling a meeting of inland transport experts when requested to do so by the Council, and stating that in the meantime preparatory measures be taken.

(See Part II - Document E/CN.11/108)

Committee I when considering this Resolution and the Report on Industrial Development expressed the opinion that the principle of a conference of Experts on Inland Transport might be sufficiently met by the special study of transport and transport equipment in relation to industry which is to be made by the Working Party on Industrial Development.

At the forty-second plenary meeting, the Commission, however, decided that the study of transport and transport equipment which was to be made by the Working Party on Industrial Development would not in itself meet the recommendation for a Meeting of Inland Transport Experts previously endorsed by the Commission. A resolution was adopted re-endorsing the resolution adopted at the thirty-sixth plenary meeting and requesting the Executive Secretary to place before the proposed Meeting of Inland Transport Experts the results of the Working Party on Industrial Development relating to Transport and Transport Equipment in relation to industry.

(See Part II - Document E/CN.11/115)

CHAPTER XI

Statistical and Economic Documentation

After discussion at the thirty-sixth plenary meeting the recommendations contained in this paper (E/CN.11/81) received general approval. These recommendations called for the establishment in the Secretariat a Statistical Unit to serve as a statistical adviser to other staff sections and to working parties, committees, etc., to promote the statistical programme of the United Nations Statistical Office and of the Specialized Agencies in the countries of the region, and to help in strengthening and improving the statistical work of the member countries. (See Part II - Document E/CN.11/98).

CHAPTER XII

Relationship with the Economic Organization of the Commissioner-General in South East Asia

After discussion at the thirty-seventh plenary meeting the recommendations contained in this paper (E/CN.11/88) were approved.

The delegate of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics desired that it be inserted in the record that in the opinion of his delegation neither the Charter of the United Nations nor the terms of reference of the Commission contained any authority for working relations being established with the Economic Organization of the Commissioner-General in South East Asia formerly the Economic Organization of the Special Commission in South East Asia since in their view this was a purely national body. The Commission, however, approved the action taken by the Executive Secretary in accordance with the Resolution on the subject adopted at its Second Session in November 1947. (See Part II - document E/CN.11/99).

CHAPTER XIII

Temporary Headquarters of the Commission

The delegate for India reminded the Commission of the invitation of the Prime Minister of India that the headquarters of the Commission should be located in India and subsequently that this should become the Regional Office of the United Nations in Asia and the Far East. He added that since the latter could not be determined at present he would not oppose any purely provisional solution. The delegate for Malaya then offered Singapore as the temporary headquarters of the Commission and was supported by the delegate from the United Kingdom. The delegate of the Philippine Republic offered Baguio or any other suitable place in the Philippines. The delegate for China said that the headquarters of the Commission should remain where it was now, namely, Shanghai, pending a decision by the United Nations Organization regarding the location of the permanent headquarters. Shanghai had all the advantages mentioned by the various delegates and was one of the three or four largest cities in the world. Another important aspect was the availability of ready access by the Secretariat to the representatives of the different countries represented on the Commission. The Chinese Government had provided facilities for the Secretariat by way of office accommodation, special exchange rates, etc. To move the headquarters would involve expense, loss of time and delay in the work. He felt that they should remove the uncertainty in the minds of the Secretariat and proposed that until a permanent site was decided upon, the headquarters of the ECAFE should remain at Shanghai. The delegate for France supported the temporary solution proposed by the delegate from China while not agreeing with the Chinese delegate that Shanghai was suitable geographically, or from the point of view of climate or cost of living.

The delegate for Pakistan whilst not excluding the claims of Karachi as the Regional Office of the United Nations and possibly of more than one Regional Commission, suggested that a temporary solution was to remain in the present location.

The delegate for New Zealand said that Singapore would suit New Zealand best but if it was not acceptable to the Commission he favoured Shanghai.

It was finally resolved by a majority that pending determination of the location of the office of the United Nations in Asia and Far East, the temporary headquarters of the Commission be at Shanghai. (See Part II - document E/CN.11/120).

CHAPTER XIV

Date and Place of the Fourth Session

The delegate for Australia proposed that the Fourth Session should meet in Australia and this met with the unanimous approval of the Commission, the delegate for Malaya withdrawing his proposal that it should meet in Singapore. The delegate for New Zealand, however, was of the opinion that the next meeting should be held at the temporary headquarters.

The delegate for France regretted that there had been discussion regarding the place before the date had been determined. He proposed, but not for immediate consideration, that the Commission should hold one plenary session in each year and one working session attended by each country, but with smaller delegations. This view was opposed by the delegation for India who reminded the Commission that its work was to be reviewed in 1951 and that the Executive Secretary in his opening statement had stressed that urgency was the keynote of the Commission's work.

The delegation from the United Kingdom expressed the hope that the suggestion of the French delegate should be considered by members and that it should be discussed at the Fourth Session. The USSR delegation objected to the proposal of the French delegation regarding the organization of working sessions, as well as to the proposal of the United Kingdom delegation that this question be studied at the Fourth Session.

After discussion it was agreed to recommend to the Secretary-General that the Fourth Session of the Commission should be held in Australia at a date in November 1948 to be fixed by the Executive Secretary in consultation with the Chairman. (See Part II document E/CN.11/121).

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OOTACAMUND, MADRAS PROVINCE, INDIA

(E/CN.11/77/Rev.2) 1 June 1948

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THIRD SESSION

Explanatory Note by the Executive Secretary

(E/CN.11/77/Rev.1/Add.1)

The following notes amplify the items of the Provisional Agenda for the Third Session of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, and are submitted for the information of Members and Associate Members in order to assist them to determine the appropriate advisors and experts who might be included in their delegation.

Owing to difficulties and delays in the preparation, production and distribution, certain documents may not be received by Members in time for the substance to be considered by their governments prior to the opening of the Session; such documents and annexes to documents are indicated by an asterisk.

1. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman: (Document E/CN.11/76)

This will be the first business of the Third Session immediately following its opening by the Honourable Pandit Nehru. The Chairman of the Commission or, in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, during 1947, will preside until his successor is elected.

2. Adoption of Provisional Agenda: (Document E/CN.11/77/Rev.1)

In the preparation of this Agenda, items have as far as possible been put together in groups of related subjects in anticipation that the Commission might wish to refer these to Committees to consider selected items after a preliminary discussion in Plenary Session.

3. Admission of Associate Members: (Document E/CN.11/75)

No formal nominations for Associate Membership of the Commission have been received by the Executive Secretary. Members of Commission are reminded of the Resolution taken at the Second Session postponing until this Session the application of the Netherlands East Indies (Indonesia) and of the Republic of Indonesia for Associate Membership.

(Document E/CN.11/53, Part II-C)

4. Consultation with Non-Governmental Organizations: (Document E/CN.11/79)

The Economic and Social Council has requested the Commission to consider the formulation of Rules of Procedure providing for consultation with Non-Governmental Organizations. Additional Rules of Procedure suggested by the Executive Secretary follow closely those already adopted by other Regional Commissions of the Council.

The principles to be applied in placing organizations on the list of Non-Governmental Organizations eligible for consultation under Article 71

of the United Nations Charter are set out in the Economic and Social Council document E/43/Rev.2. This document, together with a list of Non-Governmental Organizations in categories (a), (b) and (c) will be available for reference at the Session.

5. Interim Report and Recommendations on Industrial Development by Working Party: Document E/CN.11/82)

This Working Party, established by a Resolution at the Second Session, assembled in Shanghai on 25 March 1948, and was in continuous Session for six weeks. The Members of the Working Party were unable, in the time available, to visit the territories of Member countries. Their Interim Report is based upon official plans of certain Member Governments for Industrial Development, unofficial plans and the best economic data available. Summaries of the industrial plans will be available at the Session as annexes to the Interim Report.

6. Progress Report on Technical Training and Use of Expert Assistance by Governments: (Document E/CN.11/83)*

Besides making a general survey of facilities for technical training, this document sets out a definite scheme for securing interchange of training personnel in some countries of the region. The criteria and machinery for the selection of trainees and the financial arrangements involved are also discussed.

7. Report and Recommendations Regarding Trade Promotion: (Document E/CN.11/84)

At the second session a resolution was passed requiring a Working Section to be set up within the Secretariat to plan and develop ways and means for early augmentation of trade between countries of Asia and the Far East and between them and other parts of the world. In accordance with this, a Working Section has been established and its report, besides surveying the machinery for trade promotion in the various countries of ECAFE, makes a recommendation for the establishment of a permanent Section within the Secretariat whose functions are also outlined.

8. Report on Consultations with the Director-General of FAO Regarding Resolutions taken at the Second Session of the Commission in the Field of Food and Agriculture: (Document E/CN.11/85)

The Resolutions taken at the Second Session of the Commission have been related to the programme of work of the FAO in this region. This report, prepared by FAO in Washington, as agreed upon between the Director-General of FAO and the Executive Secretary, is presented with a note of transmittal by the Executive Secretary.

9. Resolution of the Economic and Social Council on the Continued World Food Crisis and Action taken in Consultation with FAO for Eliminating Industrial Under-production Contributing to the Continuing Crisis: (Document E/CN.11/86)

The Working Party on Industrial Development has taken cognizance of the Resolution in the preparation of its Interim Report and the Executive Secretary has been in consultation with the Director-General of the FAO. Further study, however, will be necessary before the FAO can make a report to the Seventh Session of the Council on the progress achieved in co-ordinating the work required by the Resolution.

10. Report on the Appeal by Producing Countries and to FAO for Bringing Down the Prices of Cereal Exports: (Document E/CN.11/78)

The document now circulated indicates the action taken by the Executive Secretary in this matter and gives relevant extracts of the Provisional Agreement negotiated by the International Wheat Council.

11. Recommendation to the Economic and Social Council as to the Establishment of a Bureau of Flood Control: (Document E/CN.11/87)*

The Resolution of the Commission at its Second Session was somewhat modified by the Council at its Sixth Session (circulated as document E/CN.11/72) to the effect that the Commission at its present Session should recommend an organizational pattern for the Bureau of Flood Control which, when established, might study the technical problems of flood control in Asia and the Far East. These recommendations will be circulated to Members at the Session.

12. Future Organization in the Field of Inland Transport for Asia and the Far East: (Document E/CN.11/71)

This study was prepared by the Secretariat of the Transport and Communications Commission and has been considered by that Commission. Arising from these deliberations a further paper will be available to Members at the Session setting out the views of that Commission that the Council should request this Commission to convene an early meeting of Inland Transport experts to examine problems of rehabilitation and of co-ordinated developments of Inland Transport facilities and services in Asia and the Far East, the principal immediate problem being an improvement of internal and external transport facilities since the transport system of all Member countries is characterized by under-development and war devastation.

13. Report on Progress Made in Co-ordination of Statistical and Economic Documentation: (Document E/CN.11/81)

A note on the arrangements made by certain Member Governments for the collation of statistics will be available at the Session as Annex A* and certain further information, now being considered at the current Session of the Statistical Commission, on standardization of measurement units and statistical methods so as to provide a basis for comparison, will be available as Annex B*.

The Annual Economic Survey for Asia and the Far East, to be issued at the Session, is intended to give a factual report of the economic developments which took place in the ECAFE region during 1947. It covers the following topics: population, national income; land utilization, agricultural production, mining and industry, labour, currency and banking, public finance, international trade, and transport and communications. As this is the first issue of the kind, it contains for each topic a general review of the situation in the immediate past. The statistical and factual data used were generally drawn from the official sources, and wherever necessary, supplemented by the materials quoted in the private studies. Owing to the potential importance of Japan and Korea to the economy of the ECAFE region as a whole, these two countries were included in the present survey.

14. Relationship between the Commission and the Economic Organization of the Special Commissioner in South-East Asia: (Document E/CN.11/88)

The document now circulated is in conformity with working arrangements already established in accordance with the views of the Commission. There is a further recommendation that the Secretariat of the Commission should take over certain statistical work at a later date.

15. Recommendation to the Economic and Social Council regarding the Site of the Temporary HQ of the Commission: (Document E/CN.11/80)

Members will recall that this was an Agenda item at the Second Session and that consideration was postponed to the Third Session. The Executive Secretary is of the opinion that further postponement is undesirable and that it is essential for a temporary HQ to be established in order that work may be continuous, that staff may be offered settled living conditions and that heavy additional expenses consequent upon operation from a temporary location may be saved.

16. Date and Place of Fourth Session: (Document E/CN.11/89)

The First Session of the Commission was held on 6 June 1947, in Shanghai, China; the Second on 24 November 1947, at Baguio, Philippines; the Third at Ootacamund, India, on 1 June 1948. The Eighth Session of the Economic and Social Council will convene early in February 1949, and its Rules of Procedure require that the Report of the Commission should be circulated to Members of the Council six weeks before the Session convenes. This requirement would place the date of the Fourth Session of the Commission during the latter half of November 1948.

RESOLUTION OF 10 JUNE 1948

(Document E/CN.11/112)

Rules of Procedure

The following words should be inserted at the end of Rule 3:

"and the Relevant Documents".

Rule 3 should then read -

The Executive-Secretary shall, at least twenty-one days before the commencement of a session, distribute a notice of the opening date of the Session, together with a copy of the provisional agenda and the relevant documents.

CONSULTATION WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Resolution of 10 June 1948

(Document E/CN.11/100/Rev.1)

Rule 6:

Amend to read:

"The provisional agenda for any session shall include:

- (a) Items arising from previous sessions of the Commission;
- (b) Items proposed by the Economic and Social Council;
- (c) Items proposed by any Member of the Commission;
- (d) Items proposed by Specialized Agency in accordance with the Agreements of relationship concluded between the United Nations and such agencies;
- (e) Items proposed by non-Governmental organizations* in category (a); and
- (f) Any other items which the Chairman or the Executive Secretary sees fit to include.

Before the Executive Secretary places an item proposed by any non-Governmental organization in category (a) on the provisional agenda, he shall carry out with the agency concerned such preliminary consultations as may be necessary."

* Non-governmental organizations are defined as those organizations having consultative status with the Economic and Social Council which has recognized that the nature of the consultations will vary with the character of the organization. Accordingly, the Council has set up three categories:

- (a) organizations which have a basic interest in most of the activities of the Council and are closely linked with the economic and social life of the areas which they represent;
- (b) organizations which have a special competence but are concerned specifically with only a few of the fields of activity covered by the Council;
- (c) organizations which are primarily concerned with the development of public opinion and with dissemination of information.

Rule 45:

Amend to read:

"As soon as possible the text of all reports to the Resolutions, Recommendations and other formal decisions made by the Commission, its Sub-Commissions or other subsidiary bodies and its Committees shall be communicated to the Members of the Commission, to the Consultative Members concerned, to all other members of the United Nations, to the Specialized Agencies, and to the non-governmental organizations in category (a) and to the appropriate non-governmental organizations in categories (b) and (c)."

CHAPTER XI - RELATIONS WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS*

New Rule 47:

Non-governmental organizations in categories (a), (b) and (c) may designate authorized representatives to sit as observers at public meetings of the Commission. The Executive Secretary will circulate to the Members and Associate Members of the Commission written statements and suggestions submitted by category (a) organizations on matters within their competence. Non-governmental organizations in categories (b) and (c) may submit such statements and suggestions to the Executive Secretary, who will prepare and distribute at each Session of the Commission a list of such communications briefly indicating the substance of each. Upon the request of any Member or Associate Member of the Commission the Executive Secretary will distribute the full text of any such communication.

New Rule 48:

The Commission may consult with non-governmental organizations in categories (a), (b) and (c) on matters in which the Commission regards these organizations as having special competence or knowledge. Such consultations may be arranged either on the invitation of the Commission or upon the request of the organization. In the case of non-governmental organizations in category (a), consultations should normally be held with the Commission itself. The Commission may consult with organizations in categories (b) and (c) either directly or through a committee or committees established for that purpose.

The present Chapter XI - SUB-COMMISSIONS, OTHER SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND COMMITTEES - will be renumbered Chapter XII, and Rule 47 will become Rule 49, et sequitur.

* See Note, Rule 6.

RESOLUTION OF 10 JUNE ON GOVERNMENTS NOMINATING LIAISON OFFICERS
WITH THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST

(Document E/CN.11/107)

HAVING CONSIDERED the suggestion of the Executive Secretary in his report No.E/CN.11/91, dated 1 June 1948 that each Government do nominate a liaison officer who will be responsible at staff level for dealing with the Secretariat of the Commission for the supply and exchange of documents and data, the Commission approves the above-mentioned suggestion, and

RESOLVES that the Executive Secretary be instructed to bring the recommendation to the notice of the Member Governments.

RESOLUTION ON THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE APPLICATION OF THE
NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES AND OF THE INDONESIAN
REPUBLIC UNTIL THE FOURTH SESSION

Resolution of 9 June 1948

(Document E/CN.11/102)

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

HAVING CONSIDERED the application of the Netherlands Indies (Indonesia)
and of the Government of the Indonesian Republic for Associate Membership
of the Commission,

RESOLVES that consideration of the application of the Netherlands
East Indies (Indonesia) and of the Government of the Indonesian Republic
be postponed until the next Session of the Commission.

RESOLUTION PROPOSING THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL
AMEND THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMISSION TO
INCLUDE THE TERRITORY OF THE KINGDOM OF NEPAL

Resolution of 2 June 1948

(Document E/CN.11/103)

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST

CONSIDERING that the Kingdom of Nepal falls geographically within the region of Asia and the Far East and that Nepal is an important territory from the point of view of economic resources necessary for the rehabilitation of the region,

RECOMMEND to the Economic and Social Council that paragraph 2 of the terms of reference of the ECAFE (document E/CN.11/29) be amended so as to include the territory of the Kingdom of Nepal within the geographic scope of the ECAFE.

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THE ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMISSIONER-GENERAL
IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA

(Document E/CN.11/99)

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST at its thirty-seventh meeting,

HAVING CONSIDERED the Survey of the Economic Organization of the Special Commissioner in South-East Asia (document E/CN.11/88),

APPROVED the recommendations contained therein.

STATISTICAL AND ECONOMIC DOCUMENTATION

(Document E/CN.11/98)

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST at its thirty-sixth meeting,

HAVING CONSIDERED,

APPROVED the paper on "Statistical and Economic Documentation"
(E/CN.11/81).

RESOLUTION ON THE EARLY CONVENING OF A MEETING OF
INLAND TRANSPORT EXPERTS OF THE ECAFE REGION

(Document E/CN.11/109)

"THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST

TAKES NOTE and endorses the recommendation of the Transport and Communications Commission for the convening of an early meeting of inland transport experts of the countries represented on ECAFE to examine:

- (a) the problems with respect to rehabilitation and co-ordinated development of inland transport facilities and services in Asia and the Far East;
- (b) the means which are best suited to promote the solution of these problems, either by setting up regional machinery, or otherwise (it being understood that any such machinery would be part of ECAFE),

and expresses its intention to convene such a meeting and to take preparatory measures pending the approval of the recommendation by the Economic and Social Council."

THE FUTURE ORGANIZATION IN THE FIELD OF INLAND TRANSPORT
FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST

Resolution of 11 June 1948

(Document E/CN.11/115)

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST

RE-ENDORSES the resolution accepted in principle at the Plenary Session on 4 June (E/CN.11/108) on the question of the future organization in the field of inland transport for Asia and the Far East and requests the Executive Secretary to place the results of the study under item B (b) in E/CN.11/114 before the proposed meeting of Transport Experts.

RESOLUTION ON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
(Document E/CN.11/114)

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST

HAVING PERUSED with interest and appreciation the Interim Report of the Working Party on Industrial Development (document E/CN.11/82).

A. MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS

1. ENDORSES the view expressed by the Working Party that for the purpose of meeting the immediate and short-term requirements of economic and industrial rehabilitation and recovery in this region, the most urgent need is for the importation of capital goods and basic materials from the more advanced industrial countries.
2. APPEALS to those countries to assist the region of Asia and the Far East by making available, to meet its needs, an adequate share of their production of capital goods and basic materials.
3. INSTRUCTS the Secretariat to explore the possibility of suitable international measures being devised to facilitate the supply of such goods to the Region.
4. REQUESTS that all member-countries of this region will, in co-operation with the Industrial Working Party, specify, separately, their requirements to meet:
 - (a) their short-term needs, and
 - (b) their long-term economic and industrial development plans.

B. MAJOR ASPECTS OF ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

AUTHORIZES the Working Party, in co-operation with the Governments concerned, to continue and complete its survey of the economic and industrial development of this region, and for this purpose,

EMPOWERS the Working Party to co-opt additional expert members, from any source, to make detailed studies of the major aspects of economic and industrial development, and in the first instance to study the following subjects:

- (a) Fuel and power,
- (b) Transport and transport equipment, in relation to industry,
- (c) Fertilizers and agricultural requisites,
- (d) Basic materials, including ores and metals,
- (e) Textiles,
- (f) Heavy Engineering Industries.

C. FINANCE

AUTHORIZES the Working Party, in co-operation with Member Governments, to make immediately a study of the financial requirements of the ECAFE region, to determine

/(a) the short-term

- (a) the short-term and long-term capital needs for rehabilitating the national economies and for developing new industries;
- and, in conjunction with the Secretariat, to consider and report upon:
- (b) the means of improving the banking and credit structures of the countries, in order to utilize domestic capital to the full;
 - (c) the ways by which dormant local capital in this region could be made available for economic development;
 - (d) the extent to which the capital needs may be met from domestic and foreign sources respectively;
 - (e) the means of obtaining, from foreign sources, loans, investments and advances;
 - (f) by what means the difficulties of obtaining foreign exchange may be overcome, with special reference to the recommendations of the Report (document E/CN.11/84) on Trade Promotion, concerning intra-regional financial arrangements.

D. ENCOURAGEMENT OF ENTERPRISE

RECORDS its opinion that a clear enunciation by Member Governments, of their financial, fiscal and industrial policy, and the efficient administration of such controls as are considered necessary, will promote conditions favourable to investment and enterprise.

E. SOCIAL OBJECTIVES

ENDORSES the views of the Working Party expressed in Chapter IV of its Interim Report (document E/CN.11/82), and

CONSIDERS that in the interests of harmonious social and economic progress as also of a wide and healthy diffusion of economic activity and capital, there should be a co-ordinated development of cottage or small-scale, medium, and large-scale industries, with special emphasis upon industries ancillary to agriculture, and

BELIEVES that such a co-ordinated development will tend to promote industrial peace and human well-being; and therefore recommends that the Working Party, in all its investigations and in its reports, take full account

- (a) of the present status and importance of the various existing cottage, small and medium-scale industries in the ECAFE countries;
- (b) of the measures that should be taken to expand cottage, small, and medium-scale industries, especially those ancillary to agriculture, in the countries of the region.

RESOLUTION ON THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE JAPANESE ECONOMY TO THE
RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE ECAFE REGION
(Document E/CN.11/113)

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST

TAKING NOTE of the fact that before war, Japan was the most highly industrialized country in the ECAFE region;

NOTING further that despite the damage suffered by her during the war, the industrial capacity of Japan, within the limits which may be permitted to Japan by the Far Eastern Commission and the Peace Settlement, when concluded, can be utilized to supply a proportion of the essential requirements of the other countries in the ECAFE region in respect of several categories of capital equipment, materials and consumer goods;

CONSIDERING that the shortage of these commodities in the ECAFE countries is retarding the progress of their economic reconstruction and development;

RECOMMENDS:

- (i) That the Governments in the ECAFE region give immediate consideration to the possibility of entering into working arrangements with Japan for the supply of capital goods, materials and consumer goods needed by them, in exchange for raw materials and other goods, and that consultations with the appropriate authorities be entered into for this purpose;
- (ii) That, in order to facilitate such arrangements, the Secretariat should, in co-operation with the appropriate authorities in Japan, provide the Member and Associate Member Governments from time to time, with detailed information regarding Japan's economic plans, her productive capacity, trade prospects and financial position;
- (iii) That such arrangements should be based on the principle that within the limits set by the Far Eastern Commission and the Peace Settlement, when concluded, Japan's trade and industrial plans should be adjusted to the needs and requirements of the economic development of Member and Associate Member countries;
- (iv) That the Working Party on Industrial Development, in consultation with the Far Eastern Commission and the appropriate authorities in Japan,

study, from the overall regional point of view, the financial and other difficulties which are now hampering the utilization of Japan's present industrial capacity, by the ECAFE

countries, for the rehabilitation and development of their economies

and recommend, for consideration at the Fourth Session of the Commission, measures necessary to overcome these difficulties.

RESOLUTION ON TECHNICAL TRAINING AND
USE OF EXPERT ASSISTANCE

Resolution of 10 June
(Document E/CN.11/111)

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST

RECALLING its request to the Executive Secretary to enter into negotiations with Specialized Agencies with a view to the establishment of an office or other suitable machinery for carrying out a programme for the promotion of technical training facilities within the region, the exchange of trainees both within and without the region, and the use of expert assistance by Governments;

NOTING the interest expressed by Governments in the region in response to enquiries of the Executive Secretary in securing and providing opportunities for training;

NOTING with interest the decisions of the Governing Body of the ILO at its 104th Session to undertake at the request of the Economic Commission for Europe a practical programme in manpower problems, including technical training which it is intended to extend to other regions; and bearing in mind the competence and long experience of the ILO in these fields;

NOTING the activities of UNESCO and other agencies with regard to exchange of persons and administration of fellowships;

NOTING further the close relation between technical training, working conditions and social welfare,

RESOLVES

1. that the efforts of the Executive Secretary in close collaboration with the Specialized Agencies concerned be renewed and expedited in order that machinery be established to carry out the programme in Resolution E/CN.11/70;

2. pending formal agreement on the machinery to which paragraph (1) refers, the Secretariat create a working section to:

(a) actively pursue its efforts to secure opportunities for technical training and the use of expert assistance within countries of the region and abroad,

(b) continue to disseminate information to Member and Associate Member Governments and, in particular, issue as quickly as possible a summary of information collected so far;

(c) recommend to them that they encourage trainees to take advantage of exchange opportunities; and

(d) give due attention to those conditions of work and social

RESOLUTION OF 10 JUNE 1948 ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
A TRADE PROMOTION SECTION
(Document E/CN.11/109)

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST

RECOGNIZING that the economic development of the ECAFE countries is vitally dependent on the rehabilitation and expansion of their trade with each other and with other parts of the world;

RECOGNIZING further that a permanent regional organization is needed to continue and extend the work done in this field by the Working Section in the ECAFE Secretariat and to supplement the efforts of national trade promotion agencies;

RESOLVES

I. That a Trade Promotion Section, consisting, to begin with, of a small experienced staff drawn wherever possible from countries represented on the Commission, be established at once in the Secretariat to assist the Secretariat in carrying out such functions as the Commission may assign to it from time to time in regard to trade promotion and to collaborate with other agencies of the United Nations in related activities in such manner as the Secretariat may direct;

II. That the Secretariat be charged, inter alia, with the following functions in regard to trade promotion:

- (i) to carry out research and investigation into problems relating to the trade of the ECAFE region, with special reference to their bearing on the economic development of the countries concerned, and to make recommendations;
- (ii) to promote collaboration between Governments represented on the Commission and through such Governments between businessmen in their territories by means of conferences or otherwise, for the solution of common trade problems;
- (iii) to promote through advice and recommendations to Governments represented on the Commission other measures designed to foster the trade of the ECAFE region;
- (iv) at the request of any Government in the ECAFE region
 - (a) to furnish the Government with advice and assistance in the development of its trade promotion machinery,
 - (b) to provide liaison between the Government and either any other Government represented on the Commission or any inter-governmental or non-governmental organization concerned with international trade, and

- (c) to assist the Government in making use of the commercial service facilities provided in the region by member-Governments outside the region; and
 - (v) to act as a clearing house of commercial information and other economic information bearing on trade and, in particular, to make arrangements for the collection and dissemination of information relating to trade possibilities within and outside the region;
- III. That the Secretariat shall, to begin with, exercise only such of the above-mentioned functions as are, in the opinion of the Executive Secretary, of prior importance, with a view to gradually expanding its scale of activities in this field and its organization for the purpose;
- IV. That the work and usefulness of the Trade Promotion Section be reviewed after a year to determine its future administrative and financial set up and functions; and
- V. That in carrying out the above functions the Secretariat shall have regard to the provisions of the HAVANA CHARTER for an International Trade Organization and make suitable arrangements for consultation and co-operation with that organization, when it is established, with a view to avoiding duplication of activities.

RESOLUTION OF 10 JUNE 1948 ON INTER-REGIONAL TRADE
(Document E/CN.11/164)

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST

HAVING CONSIDERED the data regarding the import needs and export possibilities of the ECAFE countries contained in the Appendix to Annex B of the Report and Recommendations regarding Trade Promotion submitted by the Secretariat (document E/CN.11/84 dated 30 April 1948),

CONSIDERING that continued exchange of similar information between the ECAFE countries will be of material assistance in promoting their trade;

CONSIDERING also that special efforts are needed on the part of the ECAFE countries to promote their trade,

RECOMMENDS:

- I. That the Governments of the ECAFE countries should apprise one another, either directly or through the ECAFE Secretariat, of the import needs and export possibilities of their respective territories;
- II. That consistently with the provisions of the Havana Charter for an International Trade Organization, the ECAFE countries should endeavour to meet their mutual needs to the maximum possible extent; and
- III. That with this end in view, the Governments of these countries should consider the possibility of entering into special trade arrangements.

RESOLUTION OF 10 JUNE 1948 ON FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS
TO PROMOTE TRADE
(Document E/CN.11/105)

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST

TAKING NOTE of the recommendation in the Report and Recommendations Regarding Trade Promotion (E/CN.11/84 of 30 April 1948) to the effect that Member Governments confer to devise intra-regional and other financial arrangements to realize maximum existing trade potentials;

RECOGNIZING that one of the greatest obstacles to the resumption and expansion of trade in the ECAFE region at present is the difficulty of acquiring foreign exchange or affecting payments in freely convertible currencies;

RECOMMENDS THAT

1. The Secretariat, with the assistance of experts nominated by Governments represented on the Commission, and with due regard to the Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund and the provisions of the Havana Charter for the International Trade Organization, study the desirability of adopting special financial arrangements to facilitate the trade of countries of the ECAFE region.
2. That the results of such study and investigation be communicated to the Member Governments by the Secretariat.

RESOLUTION ON CONTINUED CO-OPERATION BETWEEN FAO AND ECAFE
(Document E/CN.11/116)

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST

TAKING NOTE of the statement by the FAO on the resolutions relating to food and agriculture taken at the Second Session of the Economic Commission for Asia and Far East:

RECORDS its appreciation of the spirit of co-operation shown by the FAO in preparing a special report for ECAFE and offering suggestions for directing the joint efforts of FAO and ECAFE towards helping Governments in solving food and agricultural problems in Asia.

RECOMMENDS that the Executive Secretary should enter into consultation with the FAO with the object of avoiding overlapping of functions and duplication of effort and securing greater co-ordination; establish appropriate working arrangements between the Secretariats of the two organizations; and formulate for the approval of FAO and the Commission an inter-relationship arrangement between the two bodies within the general framework of the relationship agreement between the FAO and the United Nations so as to -

- define, having regard to the functions and terms of reference of the ECAFE and the FAO, the distribution of responsibilities between the ECAFE and the Central and Asiatic Regional Offices of the FAO; and
- provide suitable channels for mutual consultations either directly or through the representation of each other on any working parties or committees set up by the Commission and FAO for the study of specific problems concerning both the organizations,

and should report the results to the Commission at its next session.

REQUESTS the FAO to present to the Commission at each session a detailed factual report on the food and agricultural conditions in the countries of the ECAFE region, describing, in particular, with respect to each important food and agricultural commodity the situation as it developed since the preceding session and the measures taken whether by member governments or specialized agencies or other inter-governmental organizations, including amongst other measures relating to the seven points enumerated in paragraph I of the Resolution on Food and Agriculture of the Second Session of the Commission - document E/CN.11/59.

The seven points referred to are as follows:

1. The exact situation with respect to food and other essential requirements, and the volume of domestic production;
2. The degree to which any deficiency can be met by expansion of production and improved distribution within the region;
3. The present position in relation to supplies of fertilizers, insecticides, fungicides, poisons and veterinary requirements; and to the supply and quality of agricultural tools, implements, and the extent to which the position in respect of these may be improved;
4. Steps necessary to prevent hoarding and smuggling, thus ensuring more equitable consumption at reasonable prices;
5. Measures for the expansion of food and agricultural exports to create exchange for the purchase of essential requirements; it being understood, of course, that such exports should not impair the basic food needs of the region;
6. The extent to which work animals may be conserved by the use for food of poultry and non-draft animals; and the possibility of improving the position in areas where shortages of work animals exist, by import from other areas;
7. The extent to which monetary and fiscal conditions affect the foregoing.

RESOLUTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT FAO-ECAFE
WORKING PARTY ON AGRICULTURAL REQUISITES
(Document E/CN.11/117)

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST HAVING

NOTED the resolutions of 2 March of the Economic and Social Council recommending action by the regional commissions, in consultation with the Food and Agriculture Organization, to increase the supply of agricultural requisites as a means of increasing world food supply,

I. RECOMMENDS that a Working Party on agricultural requisites be established jointly by the Food and Agriculture Organization and the Commission to examine the subject further.

1. The Working Party to be composed of:

- (a) two representatives of the Executive Secretary of the Commission,
- (b) two representatives of the Director-General of Food and Agriculture Organization,
- (c) an industrial expert selected by the Chairman of the Commission from a panel of names proposed by the Industrial Working Party,
- (d) a senior administrator as Chairman selected jointly by Food and Agriculture Organization and the Commission.

2. This Working Party should (a) examine the stated requirements of governments in the ECAFE region for agricultural requisites; (b) advise governments on action that can be taken nationally to meet these requirements from indigenous sources; (c) determine the circumstances and conditions under which governments in the ECAFE region would be benefited by taking joint action with reference to both the production and distribution of agricultural requisites and (d) analyze and examine the national food and agricultural plans in the ECAFE region in the light of the stated requirements of agricultural requisites and the supplies thereof which are expected to become available from indigenous production and international trade. It should consult with experts and officials from the various territories as necessary and prepare a report of its findings and recommendations. It should also indicate to the ECAFE Industrial Development Working Party the extent to which particular industrial projects might assist agricultural production.

3. The Working Party should report the progress of their work to the Fourth Sessions of the Commission and the Food and Agriculture Organization.

/4. The Secretariat

4. The Secretariat of the Working Party should be supplied by the Far Eastern Regional Office of Food and Agriculture Organization, and general administrative arrangements made by the Regional representative of Food and Agricultural Organization and by the Executive Secretary of the Commission.

II. RECOMMENDS that each member government in the ECAFE region supply, as early as possible, to the Working Party Information showing the possibilities of increasing food and agricultural production through improved supplies of agricultural requisites such as fertilizers; transport; machinery, equipment and spare parts; irrigation equipment, power generation equipment and pesticides. This statement should, as far as possible, be on a quantitative basis and indicate priorities in requirements. It should also explain what opportunities exist for local production of these requisites and the problems associated therewith.

III. RECOMMENDS that a conference of officials engaged in the task of reconstruction in relation to food and agriculture in the ECAFE region may be called jointly by the Food and Agriculture Organization and the Commission as soon as the Working Party has assembled sufficient information on showing the possibilities of increased production through improved supplies of agricultural requisites, to consider, in consultation with the Working Party, the practical methods of implementing national food and agricultural plans.

RESOLUTION ON THE APPEAL TO THE PRODUCING COUNTRIES AND TO
THE UNITED NATIONS FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION
AND OTHER SPECIALIZED AGENCIES FOR BRINGING
DOWN THE PRICES OF ALL ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES
(Document E/CN.11/118)

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST

RECOGNIZING that the reduction of prices of all essential commodities will bring maximum relief to all peoples in this region;

APPEALS to all producing countries concerned and to FAO and other specialized agencies to explore methods by which prices of all essential commodities may be lowered to levels satisfactory to both importing and exporting countries and

REQUESTS the Executive Secretary to enter into consultation with FAO and other specialized agencies as well as the Governmental and inter-Governmental authorities concerned for the securing of the above objective.

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CONVENING BY THE UNITED NATIONS
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF A TECHNICAL
CONFERENCE ON TIMBER IN ASIA AND THE FAR EAST
(Document E/CN.11/119)

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST

REFERRING to the resolution adopted at its second session regarding the convening of a technical conference on timber in Asia and the Far East, and

WELCOMING the intention of the Food and Agriculture Organization to hold a Far Eastern Forestry and Timber Conference early in 1949,

REQUESTS the Food and Agriculture Organization that the said Conference, with a view to securing the greatest possible use of the timber resources of Asia and the Far East in the reconstruction of the region, should include in the agenda the problem of standardizing general terminology for the various species of timber in the countries of the region and establishing uniform grades and standards of measurement.

AND FURTHER REQUESTS the Food and Agriculture Organization to hold, at an early date prior to the Conference, a meeting of experts to discuss the question of standardization of timber terminology etc., and to recommend such measures as may help the trade in countries of the ECAFE region.

RESOLUTION OF 10 JUNE 1948 ON THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A BUREAU OF FLOOD CONTROL
(Document E/CN.11/110)

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST
HAVING NOTED the Economic and Social Council's Resolution of
8 March 1948 (document E/755);

HAVING TAKEN into consideration the results of the preliminary study
undertaken by the Secretariat (document E/CN.11/87);

RESOLVES TO RECOMMEND

That the following resolution on the establishment of a Bureau of
Flood Control for Asia and the Far East be submitted to the Economic and
Social Council for consideration at its Seventh Session:

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

HAVING NOTED the preliminary study undertaken by the Executive
Secretary of ECAFE, in consultation with FAO, on the establishment of a
Bureau for Flood Control for Asia and the Far East, and

HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendations of the Economic Commission
for Asia and the Far East at its Third Session regarding the establishment
of a Bureau of Flood Control, and

RECOGNIZING the great importance and urgency of the problem of flood
control which affects the livelihood and welfare of over half a billion
human beings in the valleys of great rivers in Asia and the Far East
that are subject to the danger of floods and consequent famines,

RESOLVES THAT

1. that a Bureau of Flood Control be established with the following
functions:

- (a) to enter into relations, through the Member Governments,
with the national and regional organizations in charge of
questions relating to flood control and allied problems within
the ECAFE region and where necessary regions outside that area,
- (b) to maintain constant contact with FAO and other specialized
agencies concerned with allied problems, within the limits
provided in the agreement between United Nations and the
Specialized Agencies,
- (c) to compare the methods and experiences of these various
organizations with a view to preparing synthesis of the same and,
as far as possible, defining general principles; eventually, to
suggest joint programmes of studies and experiments,

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- (d) to place at the disposal of Member Governments the results obtained as from paragraphs (b) and (c),
- (e) to promote the exchange of information between the Member Governments and between the various national and regional organizations, either through reciprocal communication of reports and documents, or by exchange and bringing together of specialists,
- (f) to advise and assist governments requesting help in the establishment or improvement of national organizations dealing with flood control and related river problems,
- (g) to depute, upon request of Member Governments, experts to the national organizations with a view to advising them in the solution of certain specific problems,
- (h) to promote the training of specialists in matters of flood control and allied river problems by making use of national laboratories and services as exist, and, if need be, by proposing the creation of an international laboratory,
- (i) to suggest to member countries such international assistance as may be necessary,
- (j) to compile and keep up-to-date whatever documentation is required for the Bureau's studies under (c), for the dissemination of information under (d) and (e), and for the effective assistance to be given to the national organizations under (f), (g), (h) and (i).

2. that the Bureau be composed of not more than five experts with high technical qualifications; that these experts be appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations out of a panel of names to be submitted by Member Governments; except that one expert be appointed by the Director-General of FAO on his own initiative; that the Chairman be appointed from among the experts by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and that the Bureau be initially started with a minimum of three experts.
3. that the Budget of the Bureau should, apart from salaries of five experts, make necessary provision for travelling allowances, temporary consultants, technical assistants and a few tasks connected therewith, it being understood that total expenditure should not exceed 180,000 U.S. dollars per year.
4. that the Bureau shall be responsible to the ECAFE and that the Executive Secretary of the ECAFE shall assist and collaborate with the Bureau in all necessary ways in its organization and operation.

RESOLUTION ON TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS

11 June 1948

(Document E/CN.11/120)

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST

RESOLVES to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that the Temporary Headquarters of the Commission remain in Shanghai until such time as a site of the office of the United Nations in Asia and Far East shall be determined.

RESOLUTION ON DATE AND PLACE OF FOURTH SESSION

11 June 1948

(Document E/CN.11/121)

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST

RESOLVES to recommend to the Secretary-General that the invitation of the Government of Australia to hold the Fourth Session of the Commission in Australia be accepted, the place to be settled in consultation with that Government and the date to be during the month of November 1948.

PART III

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE COMMISSION
AS AMENDED AT THE THIRD SESSION

RULES OF PROCEDURE
(Document E/CN.11/2/Rev.3)

CHAPTER I - SESSIONS

Rule 1

Sessions of the Commission shall be held

- (a) on dates fixed by the Commission, after consultation with the Executive-Secretary, at previous meetings,
- (b) within forty-five days of the communication to the Executive-Secretary of a request to that effect by the Economic and Social Council,
- (c) at the request of the majority of the members of the Commission, after consultation with the Executive-Secretary,
- (d) on such other occasions as the Chairman, in consultation with the Vice-Chairman and the Executive-Secretary, deems necessary.

Rule 2

Sessions shall ordinarily be held at the Office of the United Nations in Asia and the Far East. The Commission may, with the concurrence of the Secretary-General, decide to hold a particular session elsewhere.

Rule 3

The Executive-Secretary shall, at least twenty-one days before the commencement of a session, distribute a notice of the opening date of the Session, together with a copy of the provisional agenda and the relevant documents.

Rule 4

The Commission shall invite any Member of the United Nations not a member of the Commission to participate in a consultative capacity in its consideration of any matter of particular concern to that Member.

CHAPTER II - AGENDA

Rule 5

The provisional agenda for each session shall be drawn up by the Executive-Secretary in consultation with the Chairman.

Rule 6

The provisional agenda for any session shall include:

- (a) Items arising from previous sessions of the Commission;
- (b) Items proposed by the Economic and Social Council;
- (c) Items proposed by any Member of the Commission;
- (d) Items proposed by Specialized Agency in accordance with the Agreements of relationship concluded between the United Nations and such agencies;
- (e) Items proposed by non-Governmental organizations in Category (a); and
- (f) Any other items which the Chairman or the Executive Secretary sees fit to include.

Before the Executive Secretary places an item proposed by any non-Governmental organization in Category (a) on the provisional agenda, he shall carry out with the agency concerned such preliminary consultations as may be necessary.

Rule 7

The first item upon the provisional agenda for each session shall be the adoption of the agenda.

Rule 8

The Commission may amend the agenda at any time.

CHAPTER III - REPRESENTATION AND CREDENTIALS

Rule 9

Each member shall be represented on the Commission by an accredited representative.

Rule 10

A representative may be accompanied to the sessions of the Commission by alternate representatives and advisers and, when absent, he may be replaced by alternate representative.

Rule 11

The credentials of each representative appointed to the Commission, together with a designation of alternate representatives, shall be submitted to the Executive-Secretary without delay.

Rule 12

The Chairman and the Vice-Chairman shall examine the credentials and report upon them to the Commission.

CHAPTER IV - OFFICERS

Rule 13

The Commission shall, at its first meeting of each year, elect from among its representatives a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman who shall hold office until their successors are elected. They shall be eligible for re-election.

Rule 14

If the Chairman is absent from a meeting, or any part thereof, the Vice-Chairman shall preside.

Rule 15

If the Chairman ceases to represent a member of the Commission, or if so incapacitated that he can no longer hold office, the Vice-Chairman shall become Chairman for the unexpired portion of the term. In that case, or if the Vice-Chairman ceases to represent a member of the Commission, or if so incapacitated that he can no longer hold office, the Commission shall elect another Vice-Chairman for the unexpired portion of the term.

Rule 16

The Vice-Chairman acting as Chairman shall have the same powers and duties as the Chairman.

Rule 17

The Chairman or the Vice-Chairman acting as Chairman shall participate in the meetings of the Commission as such and not as the representative of the member by whom he was accredited. The Commission shall admit an alternate representative to represent that member in the meetings of the Commission and to exercise its right to vote.

CHAPTER V - SECRETARIAT

Rule 18

The Executive-Secretary shall act in that capacity at all meetings of the Commission and of its sub-commissions, other subsidiary bodies and committees. He may appoint another member of the staff to take his place at any meeting.

Rule 19

The Executive-Secretary or his representative may at any meeting make either oral or written statements concerning any question under consideration.

Rule 20

The Executive-Secretary shall direct the staff provided by the Secretary-General and required by the Commission, its sub-commissions, and any other subsidiary bodies and committees.

Rule 21

The Executive-Secretary shall be responsible for the necessary arrangements being made for meetings.

Rule 22

The Executive-Secretary in carrying out his functions shall act on behalf of the Secretary-General.

CHAPTER VI - CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

Rule 23

A majority of the members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum.

Rule 24

In addition to exercising the powers conferred upon him elsewhere by these rules, the Chairman shall declare the opening and closing of each meeting of the Commission, shall direct the discussion, ensure the observance of these rules, and shall accord the right to speak, put questions to the vote and announce decisions. The Chairman may also call a speaker to order if his remarks are not relevant to the subject under discussion.

Rule 25

During the discussion of any matter a representative may raise a point or order. In this case the Chairman shall immediately state his ruling. If it is challenged, the Chairman shall forthwith submit his ruling to the Commission for decision and it shall stand unless over-ruled.

Rule 26

During the discussion of any matter a representative may move the adjournment of the debate. Any such motion shall have priority. In addition to the proposer of the motion, one representative shall be allowed to speak in favour of, and one representative against the motion.

Rule 27

A representative may at any time move the closure of the debate whether or not any other representative has signified his wish to speak. Nor more than two representatives may be granted permission to speak against the closure.

Rule 28

The Chairman shall take the sense of the Commission on a motion for closure. If the Commission is in favour of the closure, the Chairman shall declare the debate closed.

Rule 29

The Commission may limit the time allowed to each speaker.

Rule 29(a)

Upon the request of any member any motion and amendment thereto made by any speaker shall be given to the Chairman in writing and shall be read by him before any further speaker is called upon and also immediately before a vote is taken on such motion or amendment. The

/Chairman

Chairman may direct that any motion or amendment be circulated to the members present before a vote is taken.

This rule shall not apply to formal motions such as one for closure or adjournment.

Rule 30

Principal motions and resolutions shall be put to the vote in the order of their submission unless the Commission decides otherwise.

Rule 31

When an amendment revises, adds to or deletes from a proposal, the amendment shall be put to the vote first, and if it is adopted, the amended proposal shall then be put to the vote.

Rule 32

If two or more amendments are moved to a proposal, the Commission shall vote first on the amendment furthest removed in substance from the original proposal, then, if necessary, on the amendment next furthest removed and so on, until all the amendments have been put to the vote.

Rule 33

The Commission may, at the request of a representative, decide to put a motion or resolution to the vote in parts. If this is done, the text resulting from the series of votes shall be put to the vote as a whole.

CHAPTER VII - VOTING

Rule 34

Each member of the Commission shall have one vote.

Rule 35

Decisions of the Commission shall be made by a majority of the members present and voting.

Rule 36

The Commission shall take no action in respect of any country without the agreement of the government of that country.

Rule 37

The Commission shall normally vote by show of hands. If any representative requests a roll call, a roll call shall be taken in the English alphabetical order of the names of the members.

Rule 38

All elections shall be decided by secret ballot.

Rule 39

If a vote is equally divided upon matters other than elections, a second vote shall be taken at the next meeting. If this vote also results in equality, the proposal shall be regarded as rejected.

CHAPTER VIII - LANGUAGES

Rule 40

English and French shall be the working languages of the Commission.

Rule 41

Speeches made in one of the working languages shall be interpreted into the other working language.

CHAPTER IX - RECORDS

Rule 42

Summary records of the meetings of the Commission shall be kept by the Secretariat. They shall be sent as soon as possible to the representatives of members and to the representatives of any other government agency or organization which participated in the meeting concerned. Such representatives shall inform the Secretariat not later than seventy-two hours after the circulation of any summary of any changes they wish to have made.

Rule 43

The corrected version of the summary records of public meetings shall be distributed as soon as possible in accordance with the usual practice of the United Nations. This shall include distribution on appropriate occasions to consultative members.

Rule 44

The corrected version of the summary records of private meetings shall be distributed as soon as possible to the members of the Commission to any consultative member participating in the meeting concerned and to the specialized agencies. They shall be distributed to all the Members of the United Nations if and when the Commission so decides.

Rule 45

As soon as possible the text of all reports to the Resolutions, Recommendations and other formal decisions made by the Commission, its Sub-Commissions or other subsidiary bodies and its Committees shall be communicated to the Members of the Commission, to the Consultative Members concerned, to all other Members of the United Nations, to the Specialized Agencies, and to the non-governmental organizations in category (a) and to the appropriate non-governmental organizations in categories (b) and (c).

CHAPTER X - PUBLICITY OF MEETINGS

Rule 46

The meetings of the Commission shall ordinarily be held in public. The Commission may decide that a particular meeting or meetings shall be held in private.

CHAPTER XI - RELATIONS WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Rule 47

Non-governmental organizations in categories (a), (b) and (c) may designate authorized representatives to sit as observers at public meetings of the Commission. The Executive-Secretary will circulate to the Members and Associate Members of the Commission written statements and suggestions submitted by category (a) organizations on matters within their competence. Non-governmental organizations in categories (b) and (c) may submit such statements and suggestions to the Executive-Secretary, who will prepare and distribute at each Session of the Commission a list of such communications briefly indicating the substance of each. Upon the request of any Member or Associate Member of the Commission the Executive-Secretary will distribute the full text of any such communication.

Rule 48

The Commission may consult with non-governmental organizations in categories (a), (b) and (c) on matters in which the Commission regards these organizations as having special competence or knowledge. Such consultations may be arranged either on the invitation of the Commission or upon the request of the organization. In the case of non-governmental organizations in category (a), consultations should normally be held with the Commission itself. The Commission may consult with organizations in categories (b) and (c) either directly or through a committee or committees established for that purpose.

CHAPTER XII - SUB-COMMISSIONS, OTHER SUBSIDIARY BODIES
AND COMMITTEES

Rule 49

After discussion with any specialized agency functioning in the same general field, and with the approval of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission may establish such continually acting sub-commissions or other subsidiary bodies as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions and shall define the powers and composition of each of them. Such autonomy as may be necessary for the effective discharge of the technical responsibilities laid upon them may be delegated to them.

Rule 50

The Commission may establish such committees and sub-committees as it deems necessary to assist it in carrying out its tasks.

Rule 51

Sub-Commissions or other subsidiary bodies and committees and sub-committees shall adopt their own rules of procedure unless otherwise decided by the Commission.

CHAPTER XIII - REPORTS

Rule 52

The Commission shall submit to the Economic and Social a full report on its activities and plans, including those of any subsidiary bodies, once a year and shall make interim reports at each regular session of the Council.

CHAPTER XIV - AMENDMENTS AND SUSPENSIONS

Rule 53

Any of these Rules of Procedure may be amended or suspended by the Commission provided that the proposed amendments or suspensions do not attempt to set aside the terms of reference laid down by the Economic and Social Council.

PART IV

DRAFT RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED BY THE COMMISSION FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT THE SEVENTH SESSION

The Chairman of the Economic and Social Council has expressed to the Chairman of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East a desire that the Commission when making its full annual or interim report to the regular session of the Council should include draft resolutions which might be considered by the Council at the same time as the report.

Accordingly there are attached draft resolutions for consideration by the Council at its seventh session:

Annex A: Resolution to amend the Terms of Reference and to include Nepal in the territories within the geographic scope of ECAPF.

Annex B: Resolution on the future organization in the field of Inland Transport, and general work of the Commission.

Annex C: Resolution on the establishment of a Bureau of Flood Control.

Annex D: Resolution on amending Rules of the Rules of Procedure.

In accordance with rule 30 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council and Regulation 38 of the Provisional Financial Regulations of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General will present an estimate of the financial implications of these resolutions as Addendum I to this Interim Report.

ANNEX A

DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL BY THE ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS SEVENTH SESSION ON THE
INTERIM REPORT OF THE THIRD SESSION OF
THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR
ASIA AND THE FAR EAST

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

HAVING CONSIDERED the Interim Report of the Third Session of the
Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

APPROVES an addition to the second paragraph of the terms of
reference of the Commission as established by the Council at its
Fourth Session on 28 March 1947, and amended at the Fifth Session on
5 August 1947, to include Nepal amongst those territories within the
scope of the Commission.

ANNEX B

DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL BY THE ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS SEVENTH SESSION ON THE
INTERIM REPORT OF THE THIRD SESSION OF
THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR
ASIA AND THE FAR EAST

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

HAVING CONSIDERED the Interim Report of the Third Session of the
Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

NOTES

The Support given by the Commission to the Recommendation by the
Transport and Communications Commission that an early meeting be convened
of inland transport experts; that the Commission is taking preparatory
measures and that it has requested the Executive-Secretary to place
before the meeting of inland transport experts the results of the study
of Transport and Transport Equipment in relation to industry which is
being made by the Working Party on Industrial Development

TAKES NOTE of the action taken by the Commission at its Third
Session in furtherance of the purposes set forth in its terms of
reference.

ANNEX C

DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL BY THE ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS SEVENTH SESSION ON THE
INTERIM REPORT OF THE THIRD SESSION OF
THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR
ASIA AND THE FAR EAST

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

HAVING NOTED the preliminary study undertaken by the Executive Secretary of ECAFE, in consultation with FAO, on the establishment of a Bureau for Flood Control for Asia and the Far East, and

HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendations of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East at its Third Session regarding the establishment of a Bureau of Flood Control, and

RECOGNIZING the great importance and urgency of the problem of flood control which affects the livelihood and welfare of over half a billion human beings in the valleys of great rivers in Asia and the Far East that are subject to the danger of floods and consequent famines,

RESOLVES

1. that a Bureau of Flood Control be established with the following functions:

- (a) to enter into relations, through the Member Governments, with the national and regional organizations in charge of questions relating to flood control and allied problems within the ECAFE region and where necessary regions outside that area,
- (b) to maintain constant contact with FAO and other specialized agencies concerned with allied problems, within the limits provided in the agreement between United Nations and the Specialized Agencies,
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- (f) to advise and assist governments requesting help in the establishment or improvement of national organizations dealing with flood control and related river problems,
- (g) to depute, upon request of Member Governments, experts to the national organizations with a view to advising them in the solution of certain specific problems,
- (h) to promote the training of specialists in matters of flood control and allied river problems by making use of national laboratories and services as exist, and, if need be, by proposing the creation of an international laboratory,
- (i) to suggest to member countries such international assistance as may be necessary,
- (j) to compile and keep up-to-date whatever documentation is required for the Bureau's studies under (c), for the dissemination of information under (d) and (e), and for the effective assistance to be given to the national organizations under (f), (g), (h) and (i).

2. that the Bureau be composed of not more than five experts with high technical qualifications; that these experts be appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations out of a panel of names to be submitted by Member Governments; except that one expert be appointed by the Director-General of FAO on his own initiative; that the Chairman be appointed from among the experts by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and that the Bureau be initially started with a minimum of three experts.

3. that the Budget of the Bureau should, apart from salaries of five experts, make necessary provision for travelling allowances, temporary consultants, technical assistants and a few tasks connected therewith, it being understood that total expenditure should not exceed 180,000 U.S. dollars per year.

4. that the Bureau shall be responsible to the ECAFE and that the Executive-Secretary of the ECAFE shall assist and collaborate with the Bureau in all necessary ways in its organization and operation.

ANNEX D

DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL BY THE ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS SEVENTH SESSION ON THE
INTERIM REPORT OF THE THIRD SESSION OF
THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR
ASIA AND THE FAR EAST

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

HAVING CONSIDERED the Interim Report of the Third Session of the
Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

APPROVES

The amended Rules of Procedure circulated as Part III to the
Interim Report of the Commission (document E/CN.11/2/Rev.3).

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