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PART I

Note on the Proceedings of the First and Second
Session of the Economic Commission for Asia and
the Far East.

Chapter I. Introduction

I. The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, established by resolution at the Fourth Session of the Economic and Social Council on March 28, 1947, has had two sessions. The First Session met in Shanghai from 16 June 1947 until 25 June 1947; the Second Session met in Baguio from 24 November 1947 until 6 December 1947.

The Commission is composed of representatives from the following countries:

Australia, China, France, India, Netherlands, Philippine Republic, Siam, USSR, United Kingdom and U. S. A.

As a result of its entry into membership in the United Nations, Pakistan became a member and was represented at the Second Session.

At the First Session, Dr. T. F. Tsiang (China) was elected Chairman, and the Honorable Miguel Cuaderno (Philippine Republic) Vice-Chairman.

At the Second Session, in the absence of the Chairman after the twenty-fourth plenary meeting, the Vice-Chairman presided.

Representatives and observers of the International Labor Organization, the Food and Agricultural Organization, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and the International Monetary Fund were present at both sessions.

A representative of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration was present at the First Session, as were observers from the United Nations Educational and Cultural Organization and the World Health Organization. A representative of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers in Japan was present as an observer

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From the twenty-fifth plenary meeting, a consultant from the United States Army Military Government in Korea participated as an observer.

A representative of the New Zealand Government was also present as an observer from the beginning of the twenty-sixth plenary meeting.

The First Session was opened by His Excellency Wang Shih Chieh, Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Chinese Republic.

The Second Session was opened by His Excellency, Manuel Roxas, President of the Philippine Republic.

At the Second Session the Chairman and Vice-Chairman examined the credentials of members in accordance with Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure; they left it to the Commission to decide whether the credentials of the representatives of Siam were from a properly constituted authority. The Commission at its nineteenth meeting decided to admit the representatives of Siam on the understanding that such admission did not imply any step towards the recognition of the present government of Siam by the governments members of the Commission. The representatives present in Baguio decided not to attend and Siam was therefore not represented at the Second Session.

At the First Session the following were in attendance:

Australia:	Delegate: Professor D. B. Copland Alternate: Mr. A. N. Wooten
China:	Delegate: Dr. T. F. Tsiang Alternate: Dr. Kan Lee
France:	Delegate: Mr. Michel Mornand. Alternate: Mr. Jean Grosclaude.
India:	Delegate: Mr. R. K. Nehru Alternate: Major S. I. Hasan
Netherlands:	Delegate: Mr. L. Stark Alternate: Dr. S. A. Gompels

/Philippine Republic

Philippine Republic: Delegate: Hon. Miguel Cuaderno, Sr.
Alternate: Mr. Andres Castillo

Siam: Delegate: Mr. Visutr Arthayukti

U. S. S. R. : Delegate: Mr. Alexander G. Stetsenko
Alternate: Mr. Dmitri J. Scherbina

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

U. S. A. Delegate: Mr. Monnett B. Davis
Alternate: Mr. Donald S. Gilpatric

Representatives of Specialized Agencies:

International Labour Organization: Mr. Cheng Hai-Fong

Food and Agriculture Organization: Mr. David Bau

United Nations Educational Scientific
and Cultural Organization: Mr. S.Y.Chu

Observers of Specialized Agencies:

World Health Organization: Dr. B. Borcie

International Bank for
Reconstruction and Development:)
International Monetary Fund:) Dr. Ching Chun Liang

United Nations Relief and
Rehabilitation Administration: Mr. Harlan Cleveland.

At the Second Session the following were in attendance:

Australia: Delegate: Professor D.B.Copland
Alternate:Mr. E. E. Ward

China: Delegate: Dr. T. F. Tsiang
Alternate:Dr. Kan Lee

France: Delegate: Mr. H.C. Maux
Alternate:Mr. F. Rosenfeld

India: Delegate: Mr. R. R. Saksena

Netherlands: Delegate: Professor Dr.H.C.H.J.Gelissen
Alternate:Mr. J. Tahya

Pakistan: Delegate: Mr. Ibne Hasan

Philippine Republic: Delegate: Hon. Miguel Cuaderno, Sr.
Alternate:Hon. Jose Yulo

Siam

U.S.S.R. Delegate: Mr. Alexander Stetsenk
Alternate:Mr. Leon Semenas

U. K. Delegate: Mr. P. J. Stent
Alternate:Lt. Col. K.C. Christofas

/U.S.A. Delegate:

U. S. A. Delegate: Mr. Monnett Davis
 Alternate: Mr. R. R. Ely

Associate Members of Commission:

Burma: Delegate: U Ka Si
Cambodia: Delegate: Son Sann
 Alternate: Sonn Voeunsai
Ceylon: Delegate: Mr. H. Amarasuriya
Hongkong: Delegate: Hon. M. K. Le
Laos Kingdom Delegate: Outhong Souvannavong
Malaya and Delegate: Mr. Mahomed Eusoff
British Borneo:

Representatives of Specialized Agencies:

International Labor Organization - Dr. Cheng Hai-fong
Food and Agriculture Organization - Dr. Horace Belshaw

Observers of Specialized Agencies:

International Bank - Mr. Raoul G. M. de Sercey
International Monetary Fund - Dr. Wang Yuan-Chao

Observers:

New Zealand - Brigadier F. I. Hunt
SCAP - Dr. S. M. Fine
USAMGIK - Dr. P. J. Sturm

CHAPTER II
RULES OF PROCEDURE

At the first session a Rules of Procedure Committee was established to review and report upon the provisional Rules of Procedure which the Secretariat had drawn up.

In accordance with the recommendation of this committee, the Commission adopted rules of procedure based substantially on those of the Council and its other commissions. Some delegates made reservations regarding the meaning of Rule 28, and this rule was adopted provisionally.

The Legal Department of the United Nations were requested to give an interpretation of Rule 28 and their opinion was circulated to delegates in Document E/CN.11/48 (See Part II-A).

At the Second Session the Rules of Procedure were confirmed and adopted (See Part III-A).

CHAPTER III

APPLICATION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND
FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION

In accordance with the report of the Committee of the Whole, subsequently approved by the Economic and Social Council at its Fifth Session, the Executive Secretary placed upon the Agenda of the Second Session the admission of the Government of New Zealand into membership of the Commission in accordance with a letter dated May 19 addressed by the Ministry of External Affairs in New Zealand to the Secretary General of the United Nations.

Subsequently the opinion was expressed by the Legal Department of the United Nations that the admission of a new member to the Commission was an amendment to the terms of reference of the

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Commission and that amendment could only be made by the Economic and Social Council.

At its seventeenth meeting the Commission unanimously approved a recommendation to the Council that the Government of New Zealand be admitted to membership of the Commission and that pending action by the Council the Government be invited to send an observer to attend the Second Session (See Part II-B).

Accordingly a cable was dispatched to the New Zealand government and their representative attended the Commission from its twenty-sixth meeting as an informal observer.

CHAPTER IV

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Subsequent to the First Session the Economic and Social Council at its Fifth Session amended the terms of reference of the Commission and in particular added:

- "3A. (i) Any of the following territories, namely North Borneo, Brunei and Sarawak, Burma, Ceylon, the Indo-Chinese Federation, Hongkong, the Malayan Union and Singapore, and the Netherlands Indies, or any part or group of such territories, may on presentation of its application to the Commission by the Member responsible for the international relations of such territory, part or group of territories, be admitted by the Commission as an Associate Member of the Commission. If it has become responsible for its own international relations, such territory, part or group of territories may be admitted as an Associate

Member of the Commission on itself presenting its application to the Commission.

- (ii) Representatives of Associate Members shall be entitled to participate without vote in all meetings of the Commission, whether sitting as Commission or as Committee of the Whole.
- iii) Representatives of Associate Members shall be eligible to be appointed as member of any committee, or other subordinate body, which may be set up by the Commission and shall be eligible to hold office in such body.
- (iv) Any territory or part or group of territories mentioned in paragraph 3A (i) which is not a member or an associate member of the Commission may, with the concurrence of the Member responsible for its international relations, be invited by the Commission to participate in a consultative capacity in the consideration of any matter of particular concern to that territory, part or group of territories." (Document E/CN.11/29)
(See Part III-B).

Following considerable debate, the Commission admitted the following territories as associate members at its seventeenth meeting:

Burma, Ceylon, Hongkong, Malayan Union

and at its eighteenth meeting:

Cambodia and Laos.

At the twenty-second meeting the Chairman and Vice-Chairman reported to the Commission that the credentials of the representatives of Burma, Ceylon, Hongkong and the Malayan Union had been submitted

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by the United Kingdom delegation on their behalf; they recommended acceptance provisionally of these credentials pending receipt of confirmation from their respective governments. Subsequently these credentials were confirmed by their respective governments. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman found that the credentials of the representative of Cambodia and Laos were in good order.

At this twenty-first, twenty-second and twenty-third meetings, the Commission debated the admission of representatives of the territory of the Netherlands Indies (Indonesia) and finally had before them three resolutions.:

The resolution of the delegation of the Netherlands that the territory of the Netherlands Indies (Indonesia) be admitted as associate member of the Commission with effect from the date of this resolution;

The resolution of the Indian delegation that the Commission accept the application presented by the government of the Republic of Indonesia and approve the admission of the Republic of Indonesia as an associate member of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East;

The resolution of the delegation of China that the consideration of the two applications for associate membership for Indonesia be postponed to the next session of the Commission.

At the twenty-third meeting, before proceeding to a vote and after prolonged debate the Commission agreed to hear a statement from a representative of the Indonesian Republic.

Finally, the Commission resolved to defer consideration of either of the two applications for associate membership until the next session. (See Part II-C)

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At the twenty-fifth meeting the Indian delegate again raised the question of the admission of the representative of the Indonesian Republic without the right to speak or to vote. When asked for the definition of the advantage which such a representative would then enjoy over any member of the public, the Indian delegate expressed the opinion that such participation would entitle documents to be received. It was pointed out that the great majority of Commission documents are unrestricted and readily available to all. After debate the motion to admit the representative of the Indonesian Republic was defeated by five votes to four with China abstaining.

CHAPTER V

GENERAL SCOPE OF THE COMMISSION'S WORK

At the First Session the Commission considered its general mandate as set out in the first paragraph of the Economic and Social Council's resolutions of March 28, 1947 establishing the Commission and also took note of the information contained in the report of the working group for Asia and the Far East on the economic reconstruction of devastated areas.

The main task of the Commission at its First Session was therefore to draw up an immediate programme of investigations, bearing in mind the general mandate referred to above. The Commission had before it a tentative list of investigation topics drawn up by the Secretariat and in the course of the general discussion suggestions and proposals were put forward by the various delegations. A Sub-Committee consisting of representatives of all the delegations reviewed this material and produced a compromise plan in the form of a draft resolution representing the largest common measure of agreement. On the basis of this draft as subsequently amended the resolution attached, though in its entirety not fully satisfying any individual delegation, was finally adopted as a guide for the Commission's work in the near future. (See Part II-D).

At the Second Session the Commission considered the functions and methods of ECAFE; a Survey of Reconstruction Problems and Needs; a paper on the Technical Training and use of Expert Assistance by Governments, and finally the Organisational Arrangements necessary to give effect to the substantive work of the Commission through field teams and Committees.

At its twenty-second meeting the Commission approved

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the establishment of two Ad Hoc committees: Committee I to discuss the substantive work, with the exception of technical training and use of expert assistance by governments, for which Committee II was set up.

Committee I met on nine occasions. Mr. Cuaderno (Philippines) was elected Chairman, Mr. Lo (Hongkong) Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Stent (United Kingdom) Rapporteur.

Committee II met on five occasions and Mr. U Ka Si (Burma) was elected Chairman and Mr. Rosenfeld (France) Rapporteur.

The resolutions of Committee I as amended and approved at the 28th/^{plenary}meeting of the Commission are attached.

CHAPTER VI

RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS AND AGENCIES

(a) Specialized Agencies

At its First Session the Commission, in accordance with the Terms of Reference, agreed to invite the specialised agencies and those governmental agencies qualified to become specialised agencies to participate in its work in a consultative capacity.

At its Second Session the Commission gave consideration to the regional working relations which ought to be established with the specialised agencies and approved a resolution requesting the Executive Secretary to enter into negotiations with the Directors General of all specialised agencies concerned to consider how best ECAFE can work with them in matters of common concern. (See Part II-0).

(b) The Allied Control Authorities in Japan and Korea.

At its Second Session the Commission considered the working relations which ought to be established with the Allied Control Authorities in Japan and Korea. A resolution was approved empowering the Executive Secretary to consult with the representatives of the respective control authorities in Japan and Korea in accordance with the Terms of Reference contained in paragraph I of Document E/CN.11/33. (Resolution in Part II-P)

(c) Economic Organisation of the Special Commissioner for Southeast Asia.

At the Second Session the Commission considered the relations to be established with the economic organisations of the Office of Special Commissioner for Southeast Asia and approved a resolution instructing the Executive Secretary to prepare a detailed survey of the work done by the Special Commissioner's economic organisation and pending consideration of this survey to exchange the fullest documentation and when appropriate to exchange liaison officers and send observers to meetings. (Resolution in Part II A).

CHAPTER VII

THE TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMISSION

The Terms of Reference establishing the Commission included the following: "The Headquarters of the Commission shall be located at the seat of the Office of the United Nations in Asia and the Far East. Pending the establishment of such Headquarters the temporary offices of the Commission shall be located at Shanghai subject to the review of the Economic and Social Council at its first session in 1948". Accordingly, the temporary office of the Commission was located at Shanghai.

The Council having created the Commission and established its Terms of Reference further requested the Commission "to make recommendations to the Council regarding a temporary Headquarters of the Commission."

The Commission had before it three Resolutions. The Chinese Resolution that the temporary offices be located in Shanghai, the Philippine Resolution that the temporary offices be located in the Philippines and the British Resolution that the Commission recommend to the Economic and Social Council that the temporary offices remain in Baguio until it is time for them to be removed to the site selected for the next session of the Commission.

After discussion the UK withdrew the last part of their resolution which then stood that the Commission resolves to defer until the Third Session making a recommendation to the Economic and Social Council regarding the location of the temporary headquarters of ECAFE, it being argued on the one hand that the second part of the resolution concerned administrative matters which were in the province of the Secretary-General and the Executive Secretary. The UK resolution as amended was finally adopted (See part II-R).

CHAPTER VIII

PLACE AND DATE OF THIRD SESSION

At its First Session the Commission considered that it was appropriate to hold sessions at various places in Asia and the Far East within the geographic scope of the Commission, and as a result, with the concurrence of the Secretary General, the Second Session was held in Baguio in the Philippine Republic.

The Commission took note of the decision of the Economic and Social Council normally to hold only two sessions in each year, and of its subsidiary bodies also to hold two sessions.

At the Second Session the Commission again discussed the advisability of holding sessions at various places in Asia and this met with general approval. As a result the Commission recommended that the Secretary General be requested to concur in the Third Session being held in India during the last half of May, the date and place to be fixed in consultation with the Government of India. (See Part II-S).

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RULES OF PROCEDURE

When the Rules of Procedure of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East were adopted at the First Session delegates will recall that certain delegations made reservations regarding the meaning of Rule 28, this rule was adopted provisionally. (Document ECN/27 Annex II.)

The Legal Department of the United Nations have been requested to give an interpretation of Rule 28 which reads:

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

The Legal Department give their opinion that there is no difference in meaning between the English and French texts. The words "shall take the sense" correspond precisely to the French "consulter". The Legal Department have also examined the official Russian version of Rule 72 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly (which is the same as Rule 59 of the Economic and Social Council and Rule 28 of the Commission) and conclude that the Russian version has the same meaning as has the English and French.

There was also some doubt as to whether Rule 28 requires the Chairman to take a vote. In the opinion of the Legal Department the Rule is drafted so as to permit the Chairman, at least in theory, to obtain the decision of the Commission without putting the motion to a vote. Thus, if the Commission were unanimous in its opinion, it would be possible for the Chairman to take the sense of the Commission merely by asking for objections to closure, and if no such objections are made, to declare the motion carried. However, if there is a

division of opinion in the Commission, there would seem to be no proper way to take the sense of the Commission other than by vote. Consequently, as a practical matter, whenever there is a doubt as to "the **sense**" of the Commission the Chairman should put the question to a vote. This conclusion is supported by the practice in the various commissions and committees. An examination of the records of Commission and Committee meetings shows that in all cases in which there have been differences of opinion, with respect to motions for closure, the motions were decided by vote of the body concerned.

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Resolution regarding the admission of the Government of
New Zealand to membership

The Commission, at its third plenary meeting, having considered the letter dated 19 May 1947, addressed by the Government of New Zealand to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, wherein the Government of New Zealand requested that they might be admitted to membership of the Commission; and having further considered the process of this application;

RESOLVES,

To recommend to the Economic and Social Council at its 6th session that the Government of New Zealand be admitted to membership of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East;

That, pending the action of the Council, the Government of New Zealand be invited to send an observer to attend the present session of the Commission.

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Resolution postponing the admission of Indonesia as an
Associate Member

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HAVING CONSIDERED the application of the Netherlands Indies
(Indonesia) and of the Indonesian Republic for associate mem-
bership of the Commission,

RESLOVES that pending decision of the Security Council consider-
ation of the application of the Netherlands Indies (Indonesia)
and of the Republic of Indonesia for associate membership of
the Commission be postponed until the next session of the
Commission.

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Resolution as to the substantive work of the Commission
following the first session

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST

HAVING CONSIDERED THE request contained in paragraphs 2 and 3(a) of the second part of the resolution of the Economic and Social Council of 28 March 1947, and

HAVING REVIEWED the Report of the Working Group for Asia and the Far East of the Temporary Sub-Commission on Economic Reconstruction of Devastated Areas,

AFFIRMS its full agreement with and support of the general principles enunciated in that Report, especially in Chapters III and IV thereof, in respect of the nature and scope of economic reconstruction in the devastated areas of Asia and the Far East; and

TAKES NOTE that the information contained in Chapter II is still incomplete in certain respects; and

RECORDS its view that for the purpose of compliance with paragraph 1(a) of the terms of reference set out in the first part of the above resolution, the collection of further information relating to economic reconstruction, where such information is incomplete, is essential;

BEARING IN MIND the recommendation of the Working Group that investigations, including such enquiries in the field as the Commission may consider necessary, should be periodic or continuous and in the first instance confined to immediate problems of reconstruction;

THE COMMISSION RESOLVES

first, that steps be taken

- (i) to complete the study made of the situation as described in the Report of the Working Group and to analyze in the light of all the information available the short-term requirements of the various countries within the geographic scope of the Commission
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in respect of essential reconstruction needs, such as food; seed; fertilizers; textiles; raw materials; industrial, agricultural, mining and transport equipment; coal and other fuel;

(ii) to ascertain the extent to which the above requirements can be met, and to suggest measures designed to ensure that such requirements are met:

(a) from domestic sources, e.g. by expansion of agricultural and industrial production, improvement of internal transport facilities, distribution methods, etc.,

(b) from within the region e.g. by provision of facilities for more extended inter-regional trade, improvement in external transport facilities, etc.

(c) from all other sources, e.g. by expansion of external trade generally, a doption of measures necessary for financing imports, improvement in external transport facilities, etc.;

(iii) to suggest the measures necessary to facilitate training in the economic field of administrative and technical personnel of the countries concerned and the obtaining of competent technicians from outside by countries in need of them;

(iv) to examine any other matters relating to the reconstruction requirements of the area (such as obstacles to the flow of (goods), the early consideration of which is essential for the completion of the above studies;

secondly, that the Secretariat be instructed to make investigations necessary for the undertaking of the tasks indicated above with due regard to any investigations already carried out or now being carried out by other organs of the

United Nations;

thirdly, that since for the successful performance of these tasks, the co-operation of the Government of each country whose problems are under investigation is vitally necessary, the Government concerned be invited to associate itself with the investigations;

fourthly, that the Secretariat be requested on completion of the enquiries to submit to the next session of the Commission a report containing its suggestions, including suggestions as to the establishment, of field teams where necessary, the character of such teams, their functions, and the areas in which it is proposed that they should operate; provided that in cases where full or adequate information is available of the short-term reconstruction requirements in specific fields of a country falling within the geographic scope of the Commission, the studies indicated under (i) above may be dispensed with and the Secretariat should proceed to make suggestions under (ii), (iii) and (iv).

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Resolution on Food and Agriculture and
Regional Working Relations with the
Food and Agriculture Organisation of
the United Nations.

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST HAVING EXAMINED Document E/CN/11/41, 23 October 1947, entitled "Organisational Arrangements necessary to give effect to the substantive work of the Commission through field teams and Committees;"

CONSIDERING the vital importance of reconstruction needs which should be met to enable the countries of the Far East and Asia to supply the essential requirements of their people, and the pressing need for improvement in the production and distribution of food supplies;

TAKING NOTE of the provision of the terms of reference as adopted at the fourth session of the Economic and Social Council on 28 March 1947 as amended at its fifth session/^{on}5 August 1947, that recommendations may be made directly to Member Governments and Specialised Agencies; and

RECOGNISING that the success of any comprehensive programme for the improvement of economic well-being will depend upon the implementation of sound measures initiated by the governments of the countries within the territorial scope of ECAFE and the enlistment of the co-operation of their peoples; (that the diversification of production is in general desirable to raise and make more stable the standard of living, improve dietary standards and avoid undue dependence on a single crop;) and that practical measures designed to contribute toward economic recovery and independent economic development should be initiated as soon as possible;

I. RESOLVES that ECAFE recommend immediately to FAO that a food programme with respect to Asiatic and Far Eastern territories for the calendar year 1948 and for 1949 be formulated as early

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as practicable and that data be requested on the following seven points on the basis of a close examination of the economies of the countries concerned:

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 fertilisers, insecticides, fungicide, 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 effect the foregoing.

With a view to the effective implementation of the above and, in general, to determine the best means of promoting joint activities and continuous co-operation between ECAFE and the FAO in the ECAFE region, the Commission:

II. RESOLVES FURTHER that the Executive Secretary be requested to consult through the appropriate channels with the Director-General of the FAO and that such consultations should include, but not be limited to, the consideration:

- I. The early establishment of a working party to be selected from a panel of experts to visit the principal areas of food production and shortages in the Region with a view to facilitating co-ordination of effective programming, and keeping the Secretariat of ECAFE informed of the results and the progress being made;
2. The early establishment by FAO of a Regional Committee on Food and Agriculture in Asia and the Far East, on which ECAFE would be duly represented.
3. The arrangement of close working relations between the Secretariats of FAO and ECAFE, including the possible attachment of members of the staff of FAO to the Secretariat of ECAFE, pending the establishment of an FAO regional office in the Far East.

III. RESOLVES FURTHER

1. That in co-operation with FAO, ECAFE invite member and associate member-countries within the region to report on reconstruction plans and programmes in relation to food and agriculture and that the Executive Secretary be empowered, at his discretion, to call a conference of officials engaged in the task of recon-

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struction within the region, with a view to reporting on methods by which the production of food and **other** agricultural products may be most readily increased.

2. The ECAFE record its support of proposals to establish a Regional Fisheries Council, and that the Executive Secretary consult with the Director -General of FAO as to the best means by which ECAFE **can** co-operate in the furtherance of the objectives of such a council.

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Resolution on Exchange of Visits and Seconding of Officials
Between Governments.

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

RESOLVES that the Governments of members and associate member countries within the territorial scope of the Commission be requested to consider favourably arranging through ECAFE for the periodical exchange of visits, on a basis of complete reciprocity, between themselves and with member countries outside the area by officials engaged in various aspects of economic reconstruction and development and

RECOMMENDS that the governments of member and associate member countries of the Commission consider favourably requests from the Secretariat to second officials from these governments for temporary service with the Secretariat.

REQUESTS the Executive Secretary to make appropriate arrangements.

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Resolution on advance mutual exchange of advice.

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST
RESOLVES

That arrangements be made with all organs of the United Nations and all Specialised Agencies concerned with economic matters, for the mutual exchange of advice in advance of contemplated inquiries and investigations, with a view to avoiding duplication of effort, facilitating cooperative action and reducing the burden on members.

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Resolution on the establishment of a Working
Party for industrial development

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST conforming to points 1 (a) and (b) of its terms of reference and having examined Report E/CN.11/39.

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the importance of industrial development of the countries within the territorial scope of E.C.A.F.E. as a major long-term task of the Commission and

CONSIDERING the need for promoting and maintaining the independent economic development of the countries concerned and

RECOGNISING the desirability of developing a balanced economy in the area as a whole and

TAKING NOTE of the limited resources at present available to many parts of the area for promoting industrial development

R E S O L V E S -

(a) That the Secretariat, assisted by a Working Party and in cooperation with the governments concerned, prepare at the earliest possible moment a report upon existing plans for promoting industrial development in each country of the region, with due attention to extractive industries and transport, and the relation of these plans to the industrial progress of the area as a whole.

(b) That special attention be given by the Working Party, in consultation through the Secretariat with the governments concerned, to the technical skill and capital equipment required for

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industrial development and to the extent to which these requirements can be met from local resources.

(c) That, where requirements of technical skill or capital equipment necessitate outside assistance, the Working Party, with all necessary consultations through the Secretariat, consider and report upon the form in which such aid may best be made available to promote the most rapid industrial progress.

(d) That special attention be given by the Working Party to the effects upon the social and economic structure of the countries concerned of their plans for industrial development.

(e) That the countries concerned be urged to exchange views on their plans for industrial development and, as far as possible, to co-ordinate their efforts so that the maximum and most efficient use may be made of the resources available, bearing in mind the urgent need for a balanced industrial development of the area as a whole.

(f) That after carrying out the investigations under (a), (b), (c) (d), and (e) the Working Party formulate definite proposals for the consideration of the Commission.

(g) That the Working Party should be composed of not more than four experts, to be chosen by the Chairman of the Commission from a panel of experts nominated by member and associate member governments of the region, on the score of their expert qualifications, experience and availability, and that the Working Party should have power to coopt experts as and when necessary for the consideration of any particular subject and for the limited period required for the purpose.

Resolution on Statistical and Economic
Documentation Work

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East conforming to points 1 (b) and 1 (c) of its terms of reference, having examined report E/CN.11/38, prepared by the Secretariat on the functions and methods of ECAFE considering that a sound statistical and economic documentation constitutes an indispensable basis for all activities of ECAFE,

I. As regards statistics

II. RECOMMENDS

That all the governments concerned, and the Control Authorities in Japan and Korea, be requested to supply the Secretariat of ECAFE with all the statistical data published periodically by these governments or by competent organizations, including any which these governments or organizations may be asked to supply.

Request the Secretariat

- (a) to make such organisational arrangements as may be necessary to enable it to collate, analyse and compare the statistical data thus collected. For this purpose the necessary specialists should be engaged.
- (b) to render such assistance to countries as they may require in the organisation and functioning of their statistical bureaux;
- (c) with a view to the standardization of measurement units and statistical methods, so as to provide a basis for comparison, to study and report on the work done in this field by the World Congress of Statistics planned in accordance with the resolution of March 29th 1947 of the Economic and Social Council (Document E/409, the United Nations Secretariat; the Statistical Commission, and the specialized agencies and other bodies.

- (d) to disseminate as widely as possible the statistical data thus collected and analyzed, among the members of this Commission or among any organization which may require it.
- (e) to report to the Commission on the execution of these instructions at the next session, at which the statistical section of the Department of Economic Affairs of the United Nations may be represented.

III. As regards economic documentation

REQUESTS

The Secretariat

- (a) to assemble, and make available for the use of members and associate members of the Commission, documents and reports on economic questions of interest to Asia and the Far East.
- (b) to arrange for the free exchange with Universities and Research Institutes interested in Asia and the Far East of all periodicals or occasional publications of an economic character.
- (c) to publish a comprehensive annual survey on economic conditions and problems of the countries within the scope of ECAFE together with a report on the activities of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East.
- (d) to report to the Commission at the next session on the progress made in the execution of these instructions.

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Resolution for establishing a working section
in the Secretariat on trade promotion in the
ECAFE region

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST having examined Document E/CN.11/38 of October 23, 1947, and particularly that portion of the document which defines the objective of ECAFE as follows:

"To initiate and participate in measures for:

- (1) Facilitating concerted action for the economic reconstruction of Asia and the Far East,
- (2) Raising the level of economic activity,
- (3) Maintaining and strengthening economic relations between countries within the region both among themselves and with the countries of the world",

and

RECOGNIZING that trade promotional work by members and associate members is an appropriate activity in furthering the attainment of the above objectives, and

CONSIDERING the possibility that some of the members and associate members of ECAFE may not yet have organized foreign trade promotional agencies within their governments.

RESOLVES

1. - That the Commission in consultation with the ITO on any points which involve its functions, recommend to member and associate member countries within the ECAFE region which have not established such trade departments that consideration be given to organizing such agencies or to the forming of committees to be authorized to collaborate with ECAFE headquarters in the furtherance of such activities.

II. - That a working section be set up at once within the ECAFE Secretariat to consider, 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, and

III. - That the Secretariat be instructed to prepare, for consideration at the third session of the Commission a report based on experience gained out of experimentation, inquiry and study, with such recommendations as it may deem advisable for the creation of a more permanent organization for expanding the economy of the countries of the region through special trade promotional effort.

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Appeal to the producing countries and to
FAO for bringing down the prices of
Cereal Experts

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,
RECOGNISING that shortage of foreign exchange resources
is a hindrance to the fulfilment of the reconstruction
and development programmes of the countries of Asia and
the Far East and that an undue drain on these resources
for the purchase of foodstuffs is detrimental to the
economy of these countries, and
CONSIDERING that the prices charged for cereals by produ-
cing countries should be kept at as low a level as possible,
RESOLVES that an appeal should be made to the producing
countries concerned and to F.A.O. to consider measures
jointly and severally for bringing down to a reasonable
level the prices of cereals exported to the territories
within the geographical scope of this Commission where
such prices appear to be excessive.

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Resolution recommending that the Economic and Social
Council establish a Bureau of Flood Control

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

In accordance with points 1, a) and 1, b) of its terms
of reference;

Taking note of the fact that of the thousand million
human beings who live in the ECAFE region almost half live
in the valleys of great rivers and are subject to the danger
of floods which bring famine in their wake and cause millions
of casualties every year and

Considering that large-scale problems of Flood Control
(except for the case of the Mississippi) are problems peculiar
to Asia and that studies made in Europe or America have not
been sufficient to provide a solution of these problems;

Recommends that the Economic and Social Council should
give favourable consideration to the establishment of a Bureau
of Flood Control charged with the following tasks;

- a) the collation of the existing documentation on
floods, with particular reference to the great rivers
within the geographic scope of ECAFE;
- b) The study in conjunction with any existing organization
concerned with this subject of flood control, with
particular reference to dykes and the silting of river beds;
- c) ascertaining whether it would be appropriate for special
facilities (such as a laboratory) to be provided in the
Far East for the training of specialists in Flood Control;
- d) placing at the disposal of the government concerned the
results of these studies.

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Resolution on the convening of a Technical
Conference on Timber in Asia and the Far East
by Food and Agriculture Organisation of the
United Nations

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST,

In accordance with points 1, a) and 1, b) of its terms of reference,

Having noted resolution No. 50 of the Economic and Social Council dated March 28, 1947 (Doc. E/424) entrusting the Secretariat with the task of preparing a general study on housing problems and to arrange for the meeting of an International Conference of experts on housing;

Considering that the results of such a general study and of such a Conference can only be of long-range character, while it is imperative to build temporary houses in all the areas devastated by the war;

Considering that the great timber resources of Asia and the Far East should be utilized to the greatest possible extent towards this reconstruction objective, but that this utilization is considerably impeded by the lack of standardization of a general terminology for the various species of timber in the different countries and the absence of uniform grades and standards of measurement.

Considering that a similar problem exists in Europe and that it resulted in the conference of Timber experts which was held at Marianske-Lazne, in Czechoslovakia, in May 1947, under the auspices of the Food and Agriculture Organisation.

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Considering that in resolution No. 31 of the Economic and Social Council dated March 28, 1947 (Doc. E/403), the Economic and Social Council takes due note, of the decision taken by the Food and Agriculture Organization to call similar conferences in different parts of the world;

INVITES the Executive Secretary to enter into negotiations with the Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization with a view to the convening in the shortest possible time of a Technical Conference on Timber in Asia and the Far East.

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Resolution on Technical Training and Use of Expert Assistance by Governments

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East taking note of the report on the training of technical personnel in the economic field and the use of expert assistance by member Governments (E/CN.11/40) and the supplementary report giving information as to the interest of certain Specialized Agencies and other organizations in these fields (E/CN.11/40/Add.1);

In view of the urgency and importance of the needs expressed by certain delegations during the present session of the Commission;

Taking note of Resolution adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its Fourth Session, instruction the Secretary General to establish machinery within the Secretariat for the provision at their request of expert advice and assistance to Governments;

RESOLVES

I. That the Executive Secretary should enter into negotiations through the appropriate channels with the Specialized Agencies concerned, with a view to the establishment of an office or other suitable machinery for the following purposes:

1. Collecting and placing at the disposal of member and associate member countries information concerning existing facilities for the training of technical and administrative personnel and exchange of trainees with Asia and the Far East and the facilities available in countries outside the region for nationals of the region.

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2. Studying the measures which might be taken to extend and promote such facilities within the region; and the manner in which ECLAF could assist and cooperate in promoting them.
3. Facilitating contact between those countries needing training facilities and the countries, institutions or organizations able to provide them.
4. Facilitating the provision of expert assistance through the Secretariat or through Governments, Specialized Agencies, professional associations, or otherwise.
5. Making studies of the financial and other aspects of technical training and expert assistance.

II. That, meanwhile, the Secretariat should continue the collection of the data necessary to perform these functions so that there need be no unnecessary delay, and should explore the extent to which member and associate member Governments would desire to avail themselves of ECLAF's assistance;

III. That the Executive Secretary should report the results of his negotiations under paragraph I and the progress made in respect of paragraph II, at the next session of the Commission.

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Resolution instructing Executive Secretary to enter into Negotiations
with the Directors General of all Specialized Agencies

CONSIDERING the need for regional economic co-ordination and

RECOGNISING that certain action to this end is already being
taken by certain Specialised Agencies,

RESOLVES that the Executive Secretary be instructed to enter
into negotiations with the Directors General of all the Specialised
Agencies concerned to consider how best ECAFE can work with them
in matters of common concern,

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Resolution authorizing the Executive Secretary to consult with the
respective Control Authorities in Japan and Korea.

That the Executive Secretary be empowered to consult with the representatives of the respective Control Authorities in Japan and Korea in accordance with the terms of reference contained in paragraph 1 of Document E/CN.11/33.

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Resolution regarding relations between
the Commission and the Economic Organization of
the Special Commissioner in South East Asia

HAVING CONSIDERED Paper E/CN.11/36 concerning Relations
between ECAFE and the Economic Organisation of the Special
Commissioner in South East Asia and

APPROVING the recommendations contained therein,

RESOLVES that the Executive Secretary be instructed to
put into effect the recommendations contained in that paper.

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Resolution Regarding the Temporary
Headquarters of the Economic
Commission for Asia and
the Far East

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST

RESOLVES to defer until the third session making a re-
commendation to ECOSOC regarding the location of the
timporary Headquarters of ECAFE

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Resolution by the Delegate for India regarding the Date and Place
of the Third Session

THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST

RESOLVES to recommend to the Secretary-General that the invitation of the Government of India to hold the third session of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East in India be accepted, the place and time to be settled in consultation with the Government of India and that it be not later than the fifteenth of May.

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ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST

RULES OF PROCEDURE

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.

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 session 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 a specialized agency in accordance with the agreements of relationship concluded between the United Nations and such agencies; and
- (e) any other items which the Chairman or the Executive-Secretary sees fit to include.

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 reelection.

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

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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 of 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. Not 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 may direct that any motion or amendment be circulated to the members

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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 represen-

tative requests

tative 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

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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, 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 and to the specialized agencies.

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 -- SUB-COMMISSIONS, OTHER SUBSIDIARY BODIES
AND COMMITTEES

Rule 47

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 48

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

Rule 49

Sub-Commissions or other subsidiary bodies and committees and

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sub-committees shall adopt their own rules of procedure unless otherwise decided by the Commission.

CHAPTER XII -- REPORTS

Rule 50

The Commission shall submit to the Economic and Social Council 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 XIII -- AMENDMENTS AND SUSPENSIONS

Rule 51

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.

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ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST

I

Terms of Reference as adopted at the Fourth Session of the Economic and Social Council on 28 March 1947, and amended at the Fifth Session of the Council on 5 August 1947.

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

HAVING CONSIDERED the Resolution adopted at the Fifty-fifth Plenary session of the General Assembly on 11 December 1946, namely, that the General Assembly "recommends that, in order to give effective aid to the countries devastated by war, the Economic and Social Council, at its next session, give prompt and favourable consideration to the establishment of an Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East", and

HAVING NOTED the Report of the Working Group for Asia and the Far East of the Temporary Sub-Commission on Economic Reconstruction of Devastated Areas,

ESTABLISHES AN ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST with terms of reference as follows:

1. The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, acting within the framework of the policies of the United Nations and subject to the general supervision of the Council, shall, provided that the Commission takes no action in respect to any country without the agreement of the Government of that country:

(a) initiate and participate in measures for facilitating concerted action for the economic reconstruction of Asia and the Far East, for raising the level of Economic activity in Asia and the Far

/East and

East and for maintaining and strengthening the economic relations of these areas both among themselves and with other countries of the world;

- (b) make or sponsor such investigations and studies of economic and technological problems and development within territories of Asia and the Far East as the Commission deems appropriate;
- (c) undertake or sponsor the collection, evaluation and dissemination of such economic, technological and statistical information as the Commission deems appropriate.

2. The territories of Asia and the Far East referred to in paragraph 1 shall include in the first instance, British North Borneo, Brunei and Sarawak, Burma, Ceylon, China, India, Indo-Chinese Federation, Hong-Kong, Malayan Union and Singapore, Netherlands Indies, Philippine Republic and Siam.

3. The members of the Commission shall, in the first instance, consist of Australia, China, France, India, Netherlands, Philippine Republic, Siam, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom, and United States of America, provided that any state in the area which may hereafter become a member of the United Nations shall be thereupon admitted as a member of the Commission.

3A. (i) Any of the following territories, namely North Borneo, Brunei and Sarawak, Burma, Ceylon, the Indo-Chinese Federation, Hong Kong, the Malayan Union and Singapore, and the Netherlands Indies, or any part or group of such territories, may on presentation of its application to the Commission by the Member responsible for the international relations of such territory, part or group of territories, be admitted by the Commission as an Associate Member of the Commission. If it has become responsible for its own international relations, such territory,

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part or group of territories may be admitted as an Associate Member of the Commission on itself presenting its application to the Commission.

- (ii) Representatives of Associate Members shall be entitled to participate without vote in all meetings of the Commission, whether sitting as Commission or as Committee of the Whole.
- (iii) Representatives of Associate Members shall be eligible to be appointed as members of any committee, or other subordinate body, which may be set up by the Commission and shall be eligible to hold office in such body.
- (iv) Any territory or part or group of territories mentioned in paragraph 3A (i) which is not a member or an associate member of the Commission may, with the concurrence of the Member responsible for its international relations, be invited by the Commission to participate in a consultative capacity in the consideration of any matter of particular concern to that territory, part or group of territories.

4. The Commission is empowered to make recommendations on any matters within its competence directly to the governments of members or associate members concerned, governments admitted in consultative capacity, and the specialised agencies concerned. The Commission shall submit for the Council's prior consideration any of its proposals for activities that would have important effects on the economy of the world as a whole.

5. 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 non-Member.

6. The Commission may consult with the representatives of the respective Control Authorities in Japan and in Korea and may be consulted by them for the purpose of mutual information and advice on matters concerning the economies of Japan and Korea respectively in relation to the rest of the economy of Asia and the Far East.

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7. The Commission shall invite representatives of Specialised Agencies and may invite representatives of any inter-governmental organisations to participate in a consultative capacity in its consideration of any matter of particular concern to that agency or organisation, following the practice of the Economic and Social Council.
8. The Commission shall take measures to ensure that the necessary liaison is maintained with other organs of the United Nations and with the Specialised Agencies.
9. The Commission may after discussion with any Specialised Agency functioning in the same general field, and with the approval of the Council, establish such subsidiary bodies as it deems appropriate, for facilitating the carrying out of its responsibilities.
10. The Commission shall adopt its own rules of procedure, including the method of selecting its Chairman.
11. The Commission shall submit to the Council 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.
12. The administrative budget of the Commission shall be financed from the funds of the United Nations.
13. The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall appoint the staff of the Commission, which shall form part of the Secretariat of the United Nations.
14. The headquarters of the Commission shall be located at the seat of the office of the United Nations in Asia and the Far East. Pending the establishment of such headquarters, the temporary offices of the Commission shall be located at Shanghai, subject to review by the Economic and Social Council at its first session in 1948.
15. Not later than 1951 the Council shall make a special review of the work of the Commission with a view to determining whether the Commission should be terminated or continued, and if continued what modification if any should be made in its terms of reference.

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THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL at its Fifth Session on 5 August 1947,
also adopted the following Resolution:

"THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

TAKING NOTE of the provisions of Article 3A (i) of the Terms of
Reference of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East;

RECOGNISING the necessity for ensuring complete co-operation
among the governments of the territories concerned, the governments
responsible for the conduct of international relations of the territories
and the Commission

REQUESTS members of the Commission concerned to forward such
applications to the Commission".
