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79/4. Accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development for a better future for all in Asia and the Pacific

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 69/313 of 27 July 2015 on the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development,

Recalling further its resolutions 73/1 of 19 May 2017, 75/2 of 31 May 2019 and 78/1 of 27 May 2022,

Recalling the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the 2022 session of the Economic and Social Council and the 2022 high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Council,¹ in which Ministers and high representatives called for the second Sustainable Development Goals Summit, to be held in September 2023 at the midpoint in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, to be prepared so as to mark the beginning of a new phase of accelerated progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals,

Having considered the report on the Tenth Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development and the addendum thereto,²

Expressing concern at the limited progress made towards the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals, and recognizing the need for greater sustainable and inclusive transformations to address global challenges regarding energy, climate, food, finance, digital matters, sustainable

¹ E/HLS/2022/1.

² ESCAP/RFSD/2023/6 and ESCAP/RFSD/2023/6/Add.1.

consumption and production, economies, and science, technology and innovation to deliver on the region's sustainable development aspirations,

Noting the importance of strengthening multi-stakeholder partnerships, building agile, dynamic institutions and investing in and embracing innovation to facilitate the necessary transformations at the speed and scale necessary to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals,

Noting also the central role of inclusive, evidence-based and forward-looking voluntary national reviews at the national and subnational levels as mechanisms for taking stock of progress, identifying gaps, raising awareness and ensuring that people in vulnerable situations are not left behind, and encouraging continued support from the secretariat, including for the sharing of experiences through twinning and the provision of methodologies and tools, as appropriate, taking into account national ownership principles,

Noting further that the collective actions at the subregional level for resilience-building, climate mitigation and adaptation, resource mobilization and technical assistance for disaster management can be utilized as building blocks for region-wide, seamless and sustainable connectivity,

Noting with appreciation the collective work of the United Nations development system at the regional level in supporting members and associate members in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, including by providing the means of implementation, including technology transfer on a voluntary basis and on mutually agreed terms, financial support and assistance in capacity-building,

1. *Reaffirms* that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, taking into account different national realities, capacities and levels of development and respecting national policies and priorities, provides a blueprint to drive the necessary transformation in Asia and the Pacific in response to the region's main challenges, including the multiple crises of food, energy and finance, and acknowledges the importance of boosting partnerships that strengthen multilateralism and international cooperation and scaling up ambition to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals;

2. *Recognizes* the role of regional and subregional, North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation and action in promoting inclusive, resilient and sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific, including through high-impact initiatives and transformative actions that enhance health and well-being, provide social protection, promote gender equality and equity, tackle climate change and support more sustainable urban development and the region's energy transitions, and also recognizes the need to promote peaceful, just and inclusive societies, good governance and the rule of law at all levels;

3. *Notes* the importance of scaling up investments in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, including through national stimulus measures to support the implementation of the Goals and innovative public and private sector financing, and addressing debt sustainability concerns, as appropriate;

4. *Reaffirms* its pledge to leave no one behind and put people at the centre of all its efforts while making sustainable development in all its dimensions a priority in the Asia-Pacific region, in line with the 2030 Agenda, and reach the furthest behind first, including by investing in inclusive national social protection and universal health coverage, advancing gender equality and equity and accelerating the transition to inclusive and sustainable economies,

including through climate change mitigation and adaptation and nature-based solutions, in accordance with national policies and priorities;

5. *Also reaffirms* that a clean, healthy and sustainable environment is important for the enjoyment of human rights and for sustainable development in all its dimensions, and resolves to strengthen regional cooperation on environment conservation, including climate action, air quality, the conservation of ecosystems, forests and oceans, and sustainable urban development;

6. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To ensure that the report on the Tenth Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development and the addendum thereto are submitted for consideration at the global dialogues on sustainable development, including the 2023 high-level political forum on sustainable development and the 2023 Sustainable Development Goals Summit, to be held in New York on 19 and 20 September;

(b) To continue to support members and associate members in accelerating the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals through regional actions and initiatives;

(c) To report to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its eighty-first session on the progress made in implementing the present resolution.

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