

(b) To provide members and associate members, upon request, with technical assistance to strengthen their capacity for effective implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action, including its review and appraisal;

(c) To facilitate the sharing of experiences and good practices on ageing, including the monitoring and implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action;

(d) To support members and associate members, upon request, in developing their national capacities for the provision of elderly care services in cooperation with existing training institutions focusing on ageing in the region;

(e) To encourage the participation of all key stakeholders, including civil society organizations and the private sector, in the preparatory process for the second global review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action;

4. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its seventieth session on the progress in the implementation of the present resolution.

*Fifth plenary meeting
25 May 2011*

Resolution 67/6

Enhancing accessibility for persons with disabilities at ESCAP⁶⁵

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Welcoming the entry into force of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities⁶⁶ on 3 May 2008,

Recalling that the General Assembly, in its resolutions 61/106 of 13 December 2006 and 62/170 of 18 December 2007, requested the United Nations system to make concerted efforts to improve the accessibility of its facilities and services for persons with disabilities,

Also recalling that the General Assembly, in its resolution 65/186 of 21 December 2010, urged the United Nations system to make a concerted effort to integrate disability issues into its work,

Reaffirming the region's commitment to the principles of creating inclusive and barrier-free societies as outlined in the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action towards an Inclusive, Barrier-free and Rights-based Society for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific⁶⁷ and Biwako Plus Five: towards an Inclusive, Barrier-free and Rights-based Society for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific,⁶⁸

Recalling its resolution 64/8 of 30 April 2008, in which the Commission requested the Executive Secretary to improve the accessibility of the facilities and services of ESCAP for persons with disabilities, in collaboration with United Nations agencies and organizations and disabled persons' organizations,

Noting the progress made by the secretariat in improving the accessibility of its facilities and services for persons with disabilities and acknowledging the need to continue such efforts in line with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,

⁶⁵ See paras. 184 to 209 above.

⁶⁶ General Assembly resolution 61/106, annex I.

⁶⁷ E/ESCAP/APDDP/4/Rev.1 (see also Commission resolution 59/3).

⁶⁸ E/ESCAP/APDDP(2)/2 (see also Commission resolution 64/8).

Mindful of the need to share good practices with regard to enhancing accessibility in the region as well as in the United Nations system,

1. *Takes note of* the report of the Committee on Social Development on its second session;⁶⁹

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to continue and strengthen, as appropriate, her efforts to improve accessibility for persons with disabilities at ESCAP, which may encompass the following:

(a) To develop and implement further measures, in consultation with United Nations Headquarters, to enhance the accessibility of the secretariat's physical environment, information and communications systems, and other facilities and services, and support the development of assistive technologies for persons with disabilities, taking into account, as appropriate, the principles and relevant articles of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;

(b) To work with United Nations Headquarters to establish an inter-agency advisory group comprising concerned United Nations entities, and conduct an open dialogue with key stakeholders, including organizations of persons with disabilities from Asia and the Pacific, to review the accessibility of facilities and services in the United Nations complex in Bangkok and to make recommendations for their further improvement to the Executive Secretary;

(c) To establish a mechanism within the secretariat to promote the full inclusion and rights of persons with disabilities to work, on an equal basis with others, bearing in mind United Nations system-wide policies and the principles and relevant articles of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;

(d) To integrate the perspective of persons with disabilities into the secretariat's work, including its activities relating to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in Asia and the Pacific;

(e) To promote greater knowledge and awareness among secretariat staff of the rights of persons with disabilities, including through, exploring with United Nations Headquarters, the provision of disability-sensitive training for staff at large;

(f) To continue the progressive implementation, in consultation with United Nations Headquarters, of standards and guidelines for the accessibility of facilities and services of the United Nations;

3. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its seventieth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

*Fifth plenary meeting
25 May 2011*

Resolution 67/7

Role of cooperatives in social development in Asia and the Pacific⁷⁰

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 64/136 of 18 December 2009, in which the Assembly proclaimed the year 2012 the International Year of Cooperatives,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 65/184 of 21 December 2010 on cooperatives in social development, in which the Assembly invited Member

⁶⁹ E/ESCAP/67/11.

⁷⁰ See paras 184 to 209 above.