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

RESOLVES -

(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
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 co-opt experts as and when necessary for the consideration of any particular subject and for the limited period required for the purpose.