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.