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.