Inland transport

Resolution of 4 February 1952 (E/CN.11/340)

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

Taking note of the report of the first session of the Inland Transport Committee (E/CN.11/312);

Noting with satisfaction the successful conclusion of the group study tour by inland waterway experts of the region and the progress made in respect of (i) the establishment of demonstration inland water transport projects, (ii) the creation of a regional railway training centre and (iii) the projected study tour by railway officials;

Commends the Committee for the useful work achieved;

Approves the report of the Committee and the general lines of work set out therein, and

Requests the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration and the specialized agencies concerned, to take steps towards the early implementation of the recommendations of the Committee.

Land reform

Resolution of 5 February 1952 (E/CN.11/341)

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

Having noted the resolutions on reform of agrarian structures of the General Assembly [524 (VI)], the Economic and Social Council [370 (XIII)], and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; 9a and

Believing that, in many countries, reforms in agrarian conditions as defined in these resolutions would promote increased agricultural production, economic development, and higher standards of living;

Endorses the recommendations made by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations;

Urges governments in the region;

(1) To co-operate with the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in supplying information and making investigations as called for by the aforementioned resolutions;

(2) To take immediate measures to bring about needed and appropriate reforms of agrarian structures and conditions along lines of paragraph 3 in Resolution 370 (XIII) of the Economic and Social Council;

(3) To utilize as fully as possible such technical assistance facilities of the United Nations and specialized agencies as they require with regard to specific problems concerned with agrarian reforms;

Requests the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the specialized agencies concerned, particularly FAO, ILO and UNESCO, to study specific measures for agrarian reform in the perspective of the economic development plans of countries of the region and to assist in the formulation and implementation of such measures in a co-ordinated manner.

Report of the fourth session of the Committee on Industry and Trade and Supply of capital goods and materials

Resolution of 6 February 1952 (E/CN.11/343)

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

(a) Notes with satisfaction the report of the fourth session of the Committee on Industry and Trade (E/CN.11/314) and the work being undertaken by the Secretariat;

(b) Approves the recommendations contained in the report, with the following additions:

A. Financing of electric power development

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

Noting the resolution [520 (VII)] adopted by the General Assembly at its 360th plenary meeting on 12 January 1952, relating to the financing of Economic development in under-developed countries;

Deeply concerned over the gross deficiency in electric power production in Asia and the Far East, which retards economic and industrial development in the region and deprives large masses of the people of the use of electricity;

Encouraged by the efforts being made by the governments and peoples of the region to increase electric supply, as indicated by the electric power development programmes which aim to more than double the generating capacity in the region during the next five years;

Noting that the successful execution of the countries' electric power development programmes depends in large measure upon availability of adequate finance and upon the timely delivery of materials;

Recommends to the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the International Bank that, in addition to those phases of lending operations by the International Bank included in paragraphs (a) to (e) of Sections C.1 of the above mentioned General Assembly resolution, they give special consideration to the urgent need of the under-developed countries for financial assistance in effecting the early commencement and completion of electric power projects.

9a Resolution No. 6 of the sixth general conference of FAO.