proval of the Economic and Social Council and the
General Assembly, the invitation of the Government of
Pakistan should be accepted and that the date and the
place of the session in Pakistan should be determined
by the Executive Secretary in consultation with the
Government of Pakistan.

Change of the Executive Secretary

366. The Commission recorded its deep apprecia-
tion of the outstanding services rendered by Mr. Naras-
simhan, its Executive Secretary, during his tenure of
office. It congratulated him on his appointment by the
Secretary-General as Under-Secretary for Special Po-
litical Affairs at United Nations Headquarters, and
hoped that he would continue to take an interest in
the work of the Commission. The Commission wel-
comed the appointment of U Nyun as Executive Secre-
tary to succeed Mr. Narasimhan, and felt confident that
it would greatly benefit from his vast experience and
devotion to the United Nations.

Part III

Resolutions Adopted by the Commission at Its Fifteenth Session

27 (XV). Land settlement

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,
Taking note of the report of the Centre on Principles
and Policies of Land Settlement in Asia and the Far
East,
Considering it desirable to promote sound land settle-
ment programmes in the ECAFE region as an effective
measure for economic and social development;
1. Commends to the member and associate member
Governments the conclusions and recommendations of
the Centre calling for action by Governments;
2. Recommends that a plan and programme for the
implementation of the conclusions and recommendations
of the Centre be prepared and carried out, in particular,
(a) The organization of further training centres of
limited duration in specific aspects of land settlement;
(b) The employment of a regional land settlement
specialist;
3. Requests the Director-General of the Food and
Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, in
consultation with the Executive Secretary of the Eco-
nomic Commission for Asia and the Far East, to
explore the possibility of taking the necessary measures
and to seek the co-operation of the appropriate non-
governmental organizations concerned for the early
implementation of the above recommendation.

207th meeting,
13 March 1959.

28 (XV). Population growth and economic
development in the ECAFE region

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,
Having considered the accelerating rate of population
growth in many ECAFE countries, and its impact on
the levels of living,
Recalling its resolution 20 (XIII) on regional studies of
demographic trends and economic development,
Noting with appreciation the secretariat study entitled
"Population trends and related problems of economic
development in the ECAFE Region",24
Noting the proposal for a regional population con-
ference in Asia made by the Inaugural Conference and
Advisory Committee for the Demographic Training
and Research Centre in Bombay,27

Taking into consideration comments made by the
United Nations Population Commission at its tenth
session on questions concerning the population problems
in the ECAFE region,28
1. Recommends that a regional seminar for evalua-
tion and utilization of census data in the ECAFE
region be organized in 1960 to assist the countries in
the region to make the best use of the forthcoming
population censuses;
2. Welcomes the recommendation of the Population
Commission to the Economic and Social Council that,
if possible, the next session of the Population Com-
mission should be held in the ECAFE region, in order
to focus attention on population problems of the region;
3. Recommends that a regional population confer-
ence be organized in 1961 or 1962 under the auspices of
the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East
and in co-operation with the Technical Assistance Pro-
gramme of the United Nations and the interested
specialized agencies, with participation of specialists in
population, economics and other related fields (includ-
ing some specialists from outside the region).

207th meeting,
13 March 1959.

29 (XV). The five-year appraisal of the scope,
trend and cost of the Commission's
programme of work

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,
Taking note of the decision of the Economic and
Social Council in its resolution 665 C (XXIV) of
1 August 1957 calling for an appraisal of the scope,
trend and cost of the regular United Nations pro-
grammes in the economic and social fields for the period
1959-1964,
Being of the view that the appraisal of the Com-
mision's programme of work over the period 1959-
1964, as set out in the Executive Secretary's report
titled "Forward Look",30 reflects the progressively
important role that the Commission can play in under-
taking valuable studies and promoting concerted action
in a number of fields relating to the economic develop-
ment of Asia and the Far East,
1. Endorses the general lines of the Executive Secre-
try's report referred to above;

24 See paragraph 271 above.
26 See paragraph 270 above.
27 E/CN.11/L.69.
28 ECAFE/42.
29 See paragraph 363 above.
30 E/CN.11/L.68 (see annex IV below).