Asian Conference on Industrialization and Asian Industrial Development Council

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Deeply concerned that, despite the strenuous efforts made, the per capita industrial output of the region remains extremely low and that the growth in per capita income in the region falls considerably short of such growth in other regions,

Firmly believing that there is an urgent need for an accelerated programme of industrialization in order (a) to secure in the regional developing countries - both individually and collectively and as early as possible - the fullest utilization of their latent natural resources and talents, (b) to diversify their economies and (c) thus increase their national income at a much faster rate that at present,

Bearing in mind the resolution on dynamic Asian economic co-operation adopted by the Second Ministerial Conference on Asian Economic Co-operation and resolution ACI.1/1 adopted by the Asian Conference on Industrialization, which contained specific proposals and appropriate action programmes for accelerating industrialization in the region generally and for developing key industries, joint industrial ventures, multilateral industrial projects and other joint efforts for the survey and development of resources,

Recognizing the necessity for suitable machinery within the framework of ECAFE that will be capable of effectively assisting the developing countries in the promotion and acceleration of industrial development:

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Decides (a) to make the Asian Conference on Industrialization a permanent organ of the Commission, which will meet with the joint preparation of ECAFE and UNOIID, at three-year intervals to review and advise upon progress made with all the problems involved in industrialization in the ECAFE region and (b) to establish an Asian Industrial Development Council in accordance with the provisions set out in Part B below.
B.

1. **Purposes and Functions of the Asian Industrial Development Council**

1. The Asian Industrial Development Council shall:

   a. Keep under continuous review industrial development plans, programmes and policies adopted in the regional member and associate member countries with a view to achieving progressive harmonization of industrial development plans;

   b. Identify, in collaboration with the countries concerned, projects where the co-operation of two or more countries would be of mutual benefit, as for instance in the pooling of markets to achieve economies of scale, international division of labour and fuller utilization of raw materials; and recommend ways of investigating and implementing such mutually beneficial projects;

   c. Assist, at the request of the countries concerned, in the preparation of industrial feasibility studies and other programmes for the investigation and implementation of projects, and seek assistance for the purpose from such organizations as the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Organization for Industrial Development (UNOID), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), United Nations specialized agencies and co-operating countries;

   d. On request, assist with and advise on the procurement and use of financial and technical assistance for the implementation of projects, including preparation of applications for loans from multilateral, regional and other sources;

   e. Co-ordinate, evaluate and suggest to the member countries, UNOID, UNCTAD, UNDP, etc., follow-up action in regard to the findings of the various panels and boards on industries to be established as recommended by the Asian Conference on Industrialization, including suggestions for the establishment of pilot and experimental plants, research and training centres;
f. On request, help to co-ordinate, to the best regional advantage, assistance to regional member and associate member countries from international and other bodies and co-operating countries, by providing -

(i) High level experts to advise on specific aspects of the preparation and implementation of industrial projects,

(ii) assistance in the different stages of implementation of new manufacturing projects, particularly at the pre-operational stage,

(iii) consultancy services for the development of new projects,

(iv) in-plant training for technicians,

(v) commercial scale run-offs utilizing indigenous raw materials processed by relatively new sophisticated techniques and

(vi) all other forms of industrial advisory service;

g. Render such other assistance within its terms of reference as may be requested by member and associate member countries of the region in connexion with the implementation of their industrial development plans and programmes;

h. Stimulate, within its terms of reference, action by appropriate governmental and private agencies leading to the establishment of suitable industries;

i. Bring to the notice of future meetings of the Asian Conference on Industrialization such matters as it considers appropriate.

II. Composition

2. The Government of each regional member and associate member country of the Commission shall be entitled to nominate one representative to serve as a member of the Council. The representatives should, as far as possible, be senior government officials at policy-making levels in the field of industry and planning.

3. The Council shall have an Advisory Group consisting of outstanding experts in the field of industrial development, provided by ECAFE member countries within and outside the region. The Council may also, on its own initiative, appoint experts to serve as members of the Advisory Group.
III. **Operational procedures**

4. The Council shall meet at least once a year and elect its own officers to serve for a one-year term. The Council may direct particular functions to be performed under its terms of reference relating to individual countries or to a group of countries, to study groups, working parties, or sub-regional bodies composed of the representatives of those countries, which, if required, may invite the participation of other regional or non-regional ECAFE member countries or other member countries of the United Nations, its specialized agencies and IAEA to participate in their deliberations. The Council may also invite representatives of specialized agencies, inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations to take part in its meetings as and when, in the opinion of the Council or of the Governments concerned, the co-operation of those agencies and organizations is required.

5. The Advisory Group shall meet as often as necessary and shall report to the Council.

IV. **The secretariat**

6. The ECAFE secretariat, under the direction of the Executive Secretary and with strengthened staff resources, will serve as the secretariat of the Asian Conference on Industrialization, the Asian Industrial Development Council, the Advisory Group and such other bodies as may be established by the Council.

7. All experts and advisers made available to the Council shall, during their term of assignment, work under the general direction of the Council and the supervision of the Executive Secretary of ECAFE, or his representative.

V. **Relationship with ECAFE and other international bodies concerned with industrialization**

8. The Asian Industrial Development Council shall report annually to the Commission and also to the Asian Conference on Industrialization whenever it is convened. The Executive Secretary shall take necessary action to ensure that the work of the Council, the Committee on Industry and Natural Resources, the United Nations Organization for Industrial Development and United Nations specialized agencies will be complementary and without duplication. Close co-operation with the Asian Development Bank shall be maintained to enable it to make a maximum contribution to industrial development in the region.
C.

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

1. **Invites** countries both within and outside the region to extend all possible co-operation and assistance to the Council, as well as to the secretariat, to ensure the success of the above undertaking;

2. **Requests** the Executive Secretary to take appropriate measures to strengthen the staff resources in the industrial field, as set forth in document E/CN.11/L.156, with a view to carrying out the expanded functions resulting from the formation of the Asian Industrial Development Council.

347th meeting, 31 March 1966.

69 (XXII). **The Asian Highway**

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Realizing that the Asian Highway system is a major factor in promoting economic, social and cultural progress for achieving better standards of living in the countries of the region,

Noting with satisfaction that the Asian Highway Co-ordinating Committee, established at the ministerial level by the Commission, had its first meeting in April 1965, during which it recommended, inter alia, that by the end of the United Nations Development Decade at least one through-route connecting all countries on the Asian Highway should be established,

Noting also that, to ensure the completion of that route, a five-year development plan for the Asian Highway is being prepared in consultation with the Governments concerned with a view to identifying projects for filling the gaps with roads and bridges, upgrading the sub-standard sections and meeting traffic requirements on the priority routes, and estimating the requirements of financial support on the basis of a phased programme,