Recording its appreciation of UNIDO's close collaboration in the work of the Council, and of the United Nations General Assembly's approval of a special budget for the work of the Council for 1967,

Bearing in mind the urgency and magnitude of the tasks entrusted to the Council,

Invites all Governments of member countries of ECAFE and the international organizations concerned, especially UNIDO and UNDP, to give high priority as far as possible to the work of the Council and to extend all possible assistance and co-operation;

Draws the attention of international and regional development and financing agencies to the investment needs of the industrial projects in the region;

Endorses, subject to the United Nations over-all budgets programme, the proposed budget for the Council as stated in document 1&NR/ALDC.2/4;

Requests the Executive Secretary to take steps to mobilize all possible assistance to enable the Council to operate effectively.

367th meeting,
13 April 1967.

82 (XXIII). Standardization activities

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Recalling (a) Economic and Social Council resolution 1182 (XLI) of 5 August 1966 highlighting the importance of standardization in the industrial development of developing countries, (b) the conclusions of the United Nations Inter-Regional Seminar on the Promotion of Industrial Standardization in the Developing Countries, held at Helsingor, Denmark, in October 1965, (c) the results of the Working Group on the Development of Standards Institutions in the ECAFE Region, held at Bangkok in December 1966, and (d) the sectoral study on standardization, patents and marketing prepared in August 1965 for the first Asian Conference on Industrialization,
Taking into account the recommendations on standardization adopted by the first Asian Conference on Industrialization held at Manila, the Philippines, in December 1965; and by the Asian Industrial Development Council at its second session held at Bangkok in February 1967,

Recognizing the urgent need of the developing countries to promote standardization not only at the national but also at the international level so as to facilitate international trade and economic co-operation, and noting that the developing countries which have not yet established national standards bodies need assistance in doing so,

Expresses the view that concerted measures should be undertaken to develop standardization activities in the developing countries of the region;

Urges member countries which do not have national standards bodies to take steps to establish them and to take appropriate measures to develop national standards;

Recommends that all the countries of the region become members of the International Organization for Standardization and the International Electrotechnical Commission, and co-operate in the international standardization effort;

Decides to establish an Asian Standards Advisory Committee, with a view to assisting countries of the region in the establishment of standards institutions and in the development of national standards properly co-ordinated with international standards; and

Requests the Executive Secretary to provide every possible assistance to the countries of the region, on request, by arranging advisory services and sponsoring suitable training schemes in the field of standardization.

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