Part III

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION AT ITS TWENTY-NINTH SESSION

128 (XXIX). IMPENDING RETIREMENT OF U NYUN, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF ECAFE

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Aware of the impending retirement of U Nyun, after many years of service as Executive Secretary of ECAFE,

Recalling the great distinction, devotion and fervour with which he has discharged the service,

Deeply appreciative of his enduring efforts to foster realization of a sense of Asian identity and co-operation,

Recognizing that this role has called for the greatest sincerity of purpose and respect for the sovereignty of each member country in the establishment of regional and subregional co-operation,

Particularly conscious of his assiduous and manifold contributions to the concept of brotherly understanding that has come to be known as the "Asian Way",

Recalling the impressive number of institutions and regional and subregional co-operation projects and programmes that have come into being under his able leadership,

Recalling further that these achievements, made through the wise development of modest budgetary resources, have resulted in projects entailing investments many times the worth of the initial resources,

Acknowledging his manifest policy of keeping in view, in regional activity, the individual country and subregional needs; and, in subregional activity, the long-term historical necessities of the region as a whole,

Acknowledging finally the notable imprint that has been left on the Commission's work and, through this, on the economic and social progress and prospects throughout Asia,

1. Desires on this occasion:

(a) To record its profound appreciation of his services;

(b) To acknowledge the immeasurable benefits that have thereby accrued to the Commission and to each and every one of its countries;

2. Looks forward to his continued interest and valued association in matters affecting the prosperity and lasting peace of Asia;

3. Expresses its heartfelt wish that he may live long and enjoy great happiness in his retirement.


129 (XXIX). DEVELOPMENT OF LUMBINI, NEPAL

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Recognizing that the development of Lumbini garden as a centre of cultural, religious, historical and touristic importance is of great regional concern,

Noting with appreciation that the Government of Nepal gives high priority to the development of the Lumbini-Gandaki zone as an important element of the economic development of the country,

Recalling that, at the suggestion of U Thant, Secretary-General of the United Nations, an intergovernmental committee was founded in February 1970 for the development of Lumbini, the members of which are Burma, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Thailand,

Conscious of the deep interest taken in this project and of its special significance for many of the Asian countries,

Recognizing that the active co-operation of the countries in the region is essential for the project's successful realization,

Further recognizing that the main purpose of the Committee, which functions from New York under the chairmanship of the Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United Nations, is to co-ordinate efforts to raise funds for the development of Lumbini, birth-place of the Buddha,

Aware that the outline design for the Lumbini project has been prepared and that two more phases of the work of completing the design remain to be undertaken,

Understanding that, at a special meeting of the Committee for the Development of Lumbini held on 17 April 1973 in Tokyo, an appeal was made by the Government of Nepal to the countries of Asia and elsewhere to support the development of Lumbini,

Realizing the economic importance of the regional development of the Lumbini-Gandaki zone to the Government of Nepal and the significance of the development of the Lumbini Garden to Asia and the world at large,

Welcoming the generous assistance and support given to the project by the United Nations and the United Nations Development Programme,

1. Decides to extend all necessary support to the Government of Nepal for the project's development;

2. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Administrator of UNDP to continue their valuable assistance to the project;
3. Calls upon the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East to take necessary action for assistance to the project, including making a direct appeal to the Governments of member countries for contributions;

4. Further requests the Executive Secretary to report on the progress made with the development of the project to the thirtieth session of the Commission and to make similar reports, as appropriate, at succeeding sessions.


130(XXIX). APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPMENT: ASIAN PLAN OF ACTION

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Recalling its resolution 115 (XXVII) endorsing the formulation of an Asian Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development in relation to and based on the World Plan of Action,

Taking note of the relevant resolutions adopted by the United Nations General Assembly and the recent resolutions 1715 (LIII), 1716 (LIII), 1717 (LIII) and 1718 (LIII) adopted by the Economic and Social Council on matters relating to the application of science and technology to development,

Welcoming the establishment of the Committee on Science and Technology for Development as the main body among the subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council to assist the Council in the definition of guidelines in the field of science and technology for development in the interest of all mankind, and particularly of the developing countries,

Noting with satisfaction that an Asian Plan of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development complementary to the World Plan of Action has been formulated and has been approved by the Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development at its seventeenth session,

Recognizing that existing resources within the ECAFE secretariat are insufficient to undertake the implementation of the Asian Plan of Action,

1. Calls upon the member and associate member countries of the Commission to consider carefully the proposals and recommendations contained in the World and Asian Plans of Action for the Application of Science and Technology to Development and to implement, where appropriate, relevant and feasible and within the limits of national resources, the recommendations contained in the Plans to the fullest possible extent, in particular by giving urgent attention to the building up of scientific and technological infrastructure in developing Asian countries and to over-all policy and planning to that end;

2. Recommends to Governments of developing countries on the basis of their examination of the World and Asian Plans of Action, and in the light of their own national development plans and priorities, to: (a) select the specific problems facing their countries in each sector the solution of which would have a significant impact on the economic and social development of the country concerned; and (b) to indicate to the Executive Secretary those problems which in the opinion of the developing country concerned are not being adequately dealt with at present;

3. Urges the organizations of the United Nations system and advanced countries to combine their efforts to assist developing States of the region in the implementation of the Asian Plan of Action;

4. Requests:

(a) The United Nations specialized agencies to consider making provision for financing and executing those parts of the Asian Plan which fall within their fields of competence and regular programmes;

(b) The Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, bearing in mind resolution 1717 (LIII) of the Economic and Social Council, to consider increasing, within available resources and allocations, the Programme's financial contribution to the implementation of the Asian Plan of Action under the country and inter-country programmes;

(c) The Asian Development Bank and other aid-giving bodies to consider providing technical and financial assistance for establishing and strengthening industrial and scientific research institutions in Asian developing countries in collaboration with ECAFE;

5. Requests the Executive Secretary:

(a) To bring the Asian Plan of Action to the attention of Governments of member countries and encourage its implementation through the organization of expert teams and the convening of seminars, meetings and conferences, as appropriate;

(b) To take the initiative, in close co-operation with the organizations of the United Nations system, in implementing the Plan by organizing consultations with science policy makers and planners in national Governments;

(c) To arrange for distribution of the Asian Plan of Action to Governments, leaders of research and scientific associations, and institutions;

(d) To maintain close liaison with the Committee on Science and Technology for Development, the Advisory Committee and other relevant bodies;

(e) To strengthen the Science and Technology Unit within the secretariat as appropriate and feasible.