131 (XXIX). HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Recalling resolution 125 (XXVIII) adopted at its previous session urging, inter alia, that, in order that the Asian point of view might be fully reflected in the human environment programme resulting from it, member countries should send delegations at the highest possible level to the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment at Stockholm,

Noting with satisfaction that this request was largely acted upon by member countries, many of which were represented at the Stockholm Conference at the highest possible level and that, as a consequence of their able representations, the recommendations of the Conference appear to take full cognizance of the needs, desires and anxieties of the regional member countries, arising out of environmental considerations in regard to their problems of development, industrialization, pollution, trade, human settlements and population,

Noting further that, following the Conference, the General Assembly adopted a series of resolutions urging national and international action and cooperation between States in the field of human environment and making institutional and financial arrangements for such cooperation, consisting of the creation of the United Nations Environment Programme, with an Environment Secretariat headed by an Executive Director, a Governing Council, an Environment Co-ordination Board and an Environment Fund,

Welcoming the election of Mr. Maurice F. Strong as the first Executive Director of UNEP,

Noting with satisfaction that, the General Assembly resolution takes full cognizance of the significance of regional and subregional cooperation in the field of environment and of the important role of the regional economic commissions and other regional intergovernmental organizations,

Also noting the intention of the Executive Secretary of ECAFE and the Executive Director of UNEP to develop arrangements for ensuring consultation and cooperation regarding the development of environment programmes in the region for the consideration of the member countries,

1. Invites the attention of all Governments of member countries to the designation of 5 June as World Environment Day and urges them to undertake on that day, every year, special programmes and measures reaffirming their determination to act towards the preservation and enhancement of the environment;

2. Requests the Executive Secretary of ECAFE and the Executive Director of UNEP to take steps within the scope of existing resources to evolve a methodology of operations, to ensure maximum collaboration and cooperation with all agencies and organizations concerned so as to optimize the utilization of available resources and to avoid duplication;

3. Further requests the Executive Secretary of ECAFE, after consultation with other United Nations agencies in the region, and the Executive Director of UNEP to take appropriate steps to evolve a programme for action in this field, identifying projects for implementation in the short as well as long term, bearing in mind the need for programmes and projects to keep in view the development requirements of the developing countries of Asia;

4. Decides that, for consideration of such programmes and as part of the machinery, co-operative arrangements shall be made for bringing together representatives from the countries as well as all intergovernmental bodies and organizations in the region dealing with environmental programmes, to discuss programmes, projects and working arrangements for their implementation;

5. Urges the member countries and international financing agencies and organizations such as UNDP, IBRD and ADB, to extend the fullest support to environmental programmes so developed.

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132 (XXX). QUESTION OF DEBT SERVICING

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Noting with concern the detrimental effects of the ever-increasing debt servicing on the over-all development efforts of the developing countries of the region, including the least developed among them,

Recalling the fact that mention has repeatedly been made of the debt servicing burden,

Recalling further the objectives of the Strategy for the Second Development Decade,

Recognizing that, owing to the high debt servicing burden, the developing countries, in particular the least developed among them, may no longer be in a position to provide adequate finance for their urgently needed development projects,

1. Requests the Executive Secretary to bring this resolution to the attention of the member countries for their consideration and necessary action;

2. Urges member countries, especially donor countries, and also international institutions, to give due consideration to debt servicing, including its rescheduling, and to take other steps in keeping with the objectives of the Second Development Decade;

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1 A/Conf.68/14 and Corr.1.
2 General Assembly resolutions 2994 (XXVII) to 2999 (XXVII) and 3003 (XXVIII) to 3004 (XXVIII).
3 See A/3965.
4 General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII).