the development effort, and to include that seminar in the work programme of the secretariat for 1973/74 or 1974/75;

2. Recommends that the Executive Secretary investigate the availability of extrabudgetary financing for the seminar from the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) or any appropriate donor Government or agency;

3. Invites the Governments of member countries to participate fully in the seminar by sending expert representatives;

4. Desires the Executive Secretary to select, in consultation with the United Nations Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, appropriate non-governmental organizations to be represented at the seminar;

5. Urges Governments of member countries to integrate women in the decision-making processes of national development, including the review and appraisal of development plans at the national and subnational levels, and to arrange for the training of women for such purposes wherever they have not already done so;

6. Further requests the Executive Secretary to submit a report on the results achieved to the Commission session immediately following upon the holding of the seminar, as a separate subitem on its agenda;

7. Recommends to Governments the inclusion of competent women in their delegations to appropriate international forums of the United Nations and its specialized agencies and other bodies, wherever this is not already being done, in order to give proper substance to the observance in 1975 of International Women's Year, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 3010 (XXVII).


136(XXIX). ACTIVITIES OF ECAFE IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Recognizing the fact that agriculture is a vital sector of the economy of most countries of the ECAFE region, accounting for a large part of their national income and particularly their export earnings, and thus requiring a well-co-ordinated agricultural development policy,

Recognizing furthermore that, in most countries of the region, a large majority of the population are dependent on agriculture for their livelihood,

Noting with concern that, in two successive years, crop failures have caused serious distress to several countries of the region,

Aware of the fact that the population growth in most countries of the region further underlines the need for developing the agricultural sector,

Noting that, while recent technological breakthroughs have opened up new perspectives of development in some of the problem areas, the green revolution has not provided all the answers and that there is an urgent need to maximize its benefits, and realizing furthermore the need for countries to establish industries related to agriculture,

1. Considers that ECAFE should intensify its efforts to contribute to the solution of the agricultural problems in collaboration with other relevant organizations, particularly FAO;
2. Requests the Executive Secretary to explore ways and means of improving ECAFE's performance in the field of agricultural development and to this end to explore the possibility of strengthening the Joint ECAFE/FAO Agriculture Division;

3. Requests the Executive Secretary to consider in collaboration with FAO the convening of an intergovernmental meeting on agricultural development in the region in order to consider the role ECAFE should play in this field.


138(XXIX). RATIONALIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE STRUCTURE OF ECAFE

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Recalling that General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV) sets forth challenging economic and social goals for all countries as part of the International Development Strategy of the United Nations for the Second Development Decade,

Further recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1730 (LIII) on rationalization of the Council's work and that of its subsidiary organs,

Noting that successive reviews of the scope and methods of work, the calendar of conferences and work programme of the Commission have been carried out in recent years, in particular in 1968 in connexion with Council resolution 1264 (XLIHI) on implementation of the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee of Experts to Examine the Finances of the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies, and the review made by the Joint Inspection Unit in 1969,

Considering that, at the Commission's twenty-eighth session, it was declared that "the twenty-fifth anniversary year of ECAFE marks the opening of a new and dynamic phase of development and co-operation in the ECAFE region",

Having regard to the views expressed by member countries during the current session regarding the Commission's role, and the importance of enhancing its effectiveness in promoting the region's rapid economic and social development,

1. Requests the Executive Secretary to convene meetings of permanent representatives to ECAFE and/or other representatives designated by the members of the Commission, not later than the end of 1973, in order to undertake, in close cooperation with the secretariat and United Nations agencies concerned, a review and appraisal of the Commission's conference structure and any other matters within the competence of the Commission which are relevant to the enhancement of its effectiveness in promoting economic and social development in the region;

2. Instructs the Executive Secretary to submit to the thirtieth session of the Commission in 1974 the findings and recommendations of the meetings, together with his recommendations.


139(XXIX). USE OF CHINESE AS ONE OF THE WORKING LANGUAGES OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East

Noting that China is a full regional member of the Commission,

Recognizing that Chinese is one of the official languages of the United Nations,

Bearing in mind the possibility of including Chinese as a working language of the Commission,

1. Calls upon the Executive Secretary to study the possibilities thereof, and to make necessary arrangements; and, in view of financial and other matters, to take practical measures employing a gradual approach by providing simultaneous interpretation;

2. Decides to consider the question of amending the rules of procedure at its thirtieth session in 1974.