Recalling that it had welcomed the announcement by the delegation of the Philippines at its twenty-ninth session that the Philippine Government had already taken steps to provide facilities for the Centre,

Aware that a large number of member countries supported in principle the project proposal circulated by the United Nations Development Programme, that financial and personnel counterpart assistance had been pledged by some of them, and that sizable financial assistance and other expertise, consultancy and fellowship resources had been offered by the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund and the secretariats of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Noting that the United Nations Development Programme has indicated its desire to see the Centre become operative as a legal entity with an appropriate character and a legal personality as soon as additional pledges for financial and other contributions are forthcoming from the larger and more affluent members of the Commission,

Further noting the blueprint for the substance of the Centre's work programme and its activities as recommended by the Preparatory Workshop of Experts, Manila, 18-25 February 1974 (E/CN.11/L.392/Add.1),

1. Requests the Executive Secretary, in keeping with Commission resolution 148 (XXX) concerning regional institutions generally, to (a) consult the Governments of member countries and to solicit from them pledges of financial and other support for the Centre, initially for the first two years, and (b) to take appropriate measures in consultation with the United Nations Development Programme and other interested parties to finalize the operational document and expedite the launching of the project;

2. Urges the United Nations Development Programme and other collaborating United Nations agencies and organizations to support in every possible manner the efforts of the Executive Secretary to ensure the early establishment of the Centre

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150 (XXX). Extension of the Asian Institute for Economic Development and Planning into 1974 and 1975, to be followed by a third phase to commence in 1978 and end in 1980, in accordance with the recommendations of its Governing Council

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Recalling its resolution 123 (XXVIII), which urges the United Nations Development Programme and the Governments of its member and associate member countries to support the Asian Institute financially for a third five-year period (1974-1978) and to provide such support in substantially increased measure, as recommended by the Governing Council, and which provides that the Institute shall become a permanent organization and continue to function as a regional institution supported by the United Nations,

Apprised of the decision of the United Nations Development Programme that 1974 and 1975 shall be considered a bridging period to enable the Institute to reorganize its activities in the light of requirements of countries of the region, both immediately and for the longer term,

Aware that, in 1975, the United Nations Development Programme will establish a review mission in order to regard to the future possibilities of support in respect of a third phase (1976 to 1980),

Welcoming the decision of the Institute to study the training and research priorities of the countries of the region and collaborate with national institutions and other organizations undertaking specific programmes in these priority areas,

Noting its resolution 148 (XXX) requesting the Executive Secretary in consultation with the United Nations Development Programme to field a mission to study means of co-ordinating the activities of the Institute and of the Asian Statistical Institute, the Asian Centre for Development Administration and the proposed Asian Centre for Training and Research in Social Welfare and Development,

Taking cognizance of the report of the Governing Council on the functioning of the Institute and the proposals and recommendations contained therein in regard to the 1974-1975 bridging period and the third phase of the Institute,

1. Endorses the decision that 1974 and 1975 shall be considered a bridging period;

2. Accepts the Governing Council's recommendation that contributions pledged by the member and associate member countries of the Commission for the period 1974-1978 be revised to reflect, pro rata, the financial assistance by these countries for the bridging period and that the contributions yet to be made by other members of the Commission accord with the same recommendation;

3. Recommends that the United Nations Development Programme and the member and associate member countries of the Commission approve a third phase (1976-1980);

4. Expresses its appreciation of the Royal Government of Thailand's provision hitherto of host facilities to the Institute and of its interest in being host to the Institute on a permanent basis;

5. Decides that the Governing Council of the Institute shall submit a report to the Commission at its thirty-first session on the steps taken in regard to the third phase.

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