languages for distribution. A statement will also be circulated in full, however, upon the specific request of the Commission or of one of its subsidiary bodies;

153(XXX). Use of Russian as one of the working languages of the Commission

The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East,

Considering that the Soviet Union is a full member of the Commission and one of its founding States,

Noting that the Russian language is one of the official and working languages of the United Nations,

Recognizing that the Russian language is being used increasingly as a working language in international organizations,

Affirming that, in the interests of the Commission's work and with a view to facilitating the participation in its activities of those member countries which use Russian, the Russian language should be given the status of a working language,

Decides to include Russian as one of the working languages of the Commission and to amend the relevant provisions of its rules of procedure accordingly.

489th meeting, 4 April 1974.