(c) To assist the least developed, land-locked and island countries of the region in the structural transformation of their economies;

2. **Further calls upon** member countries to provide the necessary assistance to land-locked countries of the region through the adoption of practical measures to facilitate their free access to and from the sea and to alleviate the transit difficulties of the land-locked countries of the region;

3. **Requests** the Executive Secretary to report on the progress in the implementation of this resolution to the Commission at its thirty-third session and to the Special Body on Land-locked Countries at its fourth session.

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The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolution 140 (XXX) containing the Colombo Declaration, which identified the priority areas for action,

Further recalling its resolution 154 (XXXI) containing the New Delhi Declaration, which urged the maximum utilization of regional skills, capabilities and expertise in the activities of the Commission, particularly the implementation of the integrated programme of work, and defined the regional contribution to the establishment of a New International Economic Order through co-operation for self-reliance, with special attention to the improvement of the quality of life and living conditions of the common people,

Commending the contribution of the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission in examining the work programme of the Commission between sessions,

Further noting that the programme of work and priorities, 1976-1977, has been amended to reflect the discussions of the Commission at its thirty-first session and of legislative bodies of the Commission at meetings in the preceding year,

Welcoming the supplementary documentation submitted to the Commission for consideration, including an analysis of the programme of work and priorities, 1976-1977, and the annotated programme of work, in certain sectors,

**Having considered** the programme of work and priorities, 1976-1977, and the medium-term plan, 1978-1981,

Recognizing with appreciation the assistance provided and being provided by some member countries to the Commission for the implementation of its activities,

Deeply concerned at the current grave financial constraints, due particularly to the curtailment of financial assistance by the United Nations Development Programme, which seriously affect the implementation of the programme of work of the Commission,

1. **Affirms** that, in carrying out the work programme, special attention must be given to essential projects in the agreed priority areas, including the field of rural development and the encouragement of technical co-operation among developing countries, which will bring immediate benefit to the peoples of the region;

2. **Requests** the Executive Secretary, in accordance with the integrated and multidisciplinary approach to development activities, to organize the existing resources of the secretariat so as to ensure effective implementation of these priority projects;

3. **Urges** the legislative committees of the Commission to be highly pragmatic and selective in considering the programme of work and priorities in their respective disciplines and, in particular, to avoid duplication of activities already under way in other international organizations, to give attention to the identification and implementation of a hard core of essential activities to be implemented, and to ensure that any additions to this hard core are matched by the corresponding deletion of activities, by according low priorities to certain activities, or by securing to the extent feasible an increase in resources;

4. **Further urges** the legislative committees of the Commission to be conscious of the activities of other international organizations, including regional and subregional organizations, in their disciplines with a view to avoiding duplication of effort;

5. **Requests** the Executive Secretary:

(a) To identify clearly in the programme of...
work and priorities prepared for the Commission at its annual sessions those activities which can be implemented with available resources;

(b) To devise in consultation with the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives a system which would show more precisely the allocation of resources in financial terms within the programme of work and priorities;

6. Also requests the Executive Secretary to intensify measures to ensure effective monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the programme of work;

7. Requests the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives, in consultation with and in support of the Executive Secretary, keeping in view the primary responsibility of the legislative committees in their respective disciplines and bearing in mind its advisory role, to maintain a general and continuing appraisal of the programme of work and its implementation;

8. Further requests the Executive Secretary to take necessary action to amend the medium-term plan, 1978-1981, in the light of the discussions of the Commission at its thirty-second session;

9. Calls upon the developed countries further to increase to the fullest extent possible their financial assistance to the activities in the programme of work;

10. Also urges the developing countries to assist to the extent possible and practicable in the implementation of activities in the programme of work, including contributions in local currencies;

11. Appeals to the relevant international organizations to increase their support to the activities in the programme of work;

12. Requests the United Nations Development Programme, at the twenty-second session of its Governing Council, in giving effect to the guidelines for the second development cycle, to give the fullest support to the expanded programme requirements of the Commission, and further requests the Administrator to consult closely with the Executive Secretary when deciding upon priorities in any reassessment of assistance to regional projects, so as to enable the Commission to perform its activities on a more stable basis, and thus secure the objectives set forth in this resolution.

510th meeting,
2 April 1976.