the fullest co-ordination between them and (c) to report to the Commission at its thirty-fourth session on the progress made in implementing this resolution;

2. Requests the United Nations Development Programme and interested members of the Commission to assist in the implementation of this resolution to the greatest extent possible.

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174 (XXXIII). Regional co-operation in the development of coarse grains, pulses, roots and tubers

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recognizing that coarse grains, pulses, roots and tubers are important to the efforts of the developing countries in the region, not only as staple foods and cheap sources of nutrition but also as sources of raw materials for livestock feed and other industries and ultimately as a vital input in rural development efforts,

Reaffirming that there is an urgent need to strengthen national research and development efforts in order that nations may truly benefit from the production of these crops and optimize benefits from all the research which is being carried out at the international and national levels in developing and developed countries,

Considering that, to achieve this end, a regional mechanism needs to be devised to facilitate effective co-ordination in research on and development of such crops through the planning and implementation of action-oriented programmes,

Noting with appreciation the progress so far made by the ESCAP secretariat in promoting activities for regional co-operation in the development of coarse grains, pulses, roots and tubers,

1. Endorses the report of the Intergovernmental Expert Group Meeting on the Establishment of a Regional Co-ordination Centre for Research and Development of Coarse Grains, Pulses, Roots and Tubers in Humid Tropics of Asia and the Pacific;

2. Requests the Executive Secretary:

(a) To take the necessary steps for the establishment of such a regional co-ordination centre, in close co-operation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research and other appropriate organizations, including the mobilization of resources from member countries and other sources and consultation with the Governments of member countries on the provision of host facilities, keeping in view the kind offer made by the Government of Indonesia in this regard;

(b) To strengthen the nucleus staff in the secretariat to prepare the ground for initiating and co-ordinating the activities of Phase I of the project;

(c) To submit a progress report on the matter to the Commission at its thirty-fourth session;

3. Invites international organizations and institutions concerned with research on and development of coarse grains, pulses, roots and tubers and all member countries to extend their fullest assistance towards the successful implementation of the recommendations contained in this resolution.

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175 (XXXIII). Regional training and research institutions of the Commission

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolution 165 (XXXII) and 166 (XXXII) relating to the Commission's regional training and research institutions, namely, the Asian Development Institute, the Asian Statistical Institute, the Asian Centre for Development Administration, the Asian Centre for Training and Research in Social Welfare and Development and the Asia and Pacific Centre for Women and Development,

Further recalling resolutions 123 (XXVIII) and 166 (XXXII) concerning the extension of the Asian Institute for Economic Development and Planning (now termed the Asian Development Institute) into a third phase, the permanency of the Institute and the offer by the Royal Government of Thailand to provide a piece of land at Bangkok and contribute 20 per cent towards the building cost of the Institute,

Taking note of the Executive Secretary's report on the regional institutions and endorsing the recommendations and proposals contained therein,

Taking note of the action taken by the Executive Secretary to establish advisory committees for the regional institutions, set up the Co-ordinating Committee at the technical level and conduct elections to the Intergovernmental Governing Council of the Regional Training and Research Institutions,