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,
Welcoming the actions taken by the Executive Secretary to effect co-ordination in the work programmes of the regional institutions, the United Nations Centre for Regional Development and the substantive divisions of the Commission secretariat,

Expressing deep appreciation to the Government of Iran and to the participating Governments for their contributions towards finalizing the establishment of the Asia and the Pacific Centre for Women and Development at Tehran,

Taking note of the need for the regional institutions to be assured of long-term financial stability so that they may effectively programme their work, and of the consequences of the recent decision of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on financial resources,

Taking note of the need to effect changes in the names of the regional institutions so that they reflect the geographical area covered by the Commission,

1. Resolves that: (a) the Asian Development Institute should be renamed the “Asian and Pacific Development Institute”; (b) the Asian Statistical Institute should be renamed the “Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific”; (c) the Asian Centre for Development Administration should be renamed the “Asian and Pacific Development Administration Centre”; and (d) the Asian Centre for Training and Research in Social Welfare and Development should be renamed the “Social Welfare and Development Centre for Asia and the Pacific”;

2. Requests the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Intergovernmental Governing Council, to (a) clearly define the role and responsibilities of the relevant divisions of the secretariat vis-à-vis the aforementioned regional research and training institutions in order to eliminate duplication and overlapping of functions and work programmes, particularly in respect of training and related research, and (b) initiate the necessary steps for the allocation of adequate resources for such training and research activities;

3. Earnestly appeals to all members and associate members of the Commission, other donor countries, the United Nations Development Programme and interested agencies, foundations and institutions to consider the provision of additional or new contributions to the regional institutions;

4. Requests the Intergovernmental Governing Council, through the Co-ordinating Committee, to bring about greater integration of the work programmes of the regional institutions, including joint activities among them, to promote better collaboration with the national institutions and the United Nations Centre for Regional Development with due regard to their individual responsibilities, to promote joint activities among the regional institutions themselves and between them and the United Nations Centre for Regional Development and, in these efforts, to give special attention to the regional priorities established by the Commission;

5. Further requests the Intergovernmental Governing Council to take urgent measures to mobilize increased financial resources from the United Nations Development Programme, participating Governments, donor countries, agencies, institutions and organizations, in order to improve the current financial situation of the regional institutions, and to consider appropriate schemes which could assure the institutions of long-term financial stability;

6. Requests: (a) all members and associate members of the Commission which have not yet subscribed to the project documents of the five regional institutions as participating countries to take urgent steps to do so; (b) all participating Governments to contribute their pledges to the regional institutions in usable currencies and on such a time schedule as would enable the institutions to be assured in advance of the availability of the resources they require; (c) the Governments concerned to give priority to the liquidation of arrears in usable cash contributions so as to avoid programme retrenchment as at 1 July 1977; and (d) UNDP to continue to handle, to the maximum extent possible, cash counterpart contributions to the regional training and research institutions beyond 1 July 1977 so as to ensure continuity in their programmes;

7. Further requests all participating countries to make or pledge generous contributions, preferably before the end of 1977, towards the construction costs of the permanent building for the Asia and Pacific Development Institute;

8. Invites the Asian Development Bank to make full use of the services of the regional institutions for purposes of training and research in areas of interest to the Bank;

9. Resolves that the following countries will be the permanent members of the Intergovernmental Governing Council, subject to the location of a regional institution within their territory: Iran, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines and Thailand;

10. Decides to elect the following members to serve on the Intergovernmental Governing Council for the periods indicated, subject to their eligibility for re-election: for three years - Bangladesh, Cook Islands, India, Netherlands, Pakistan; for two years - Australia, Indonesia, Nepal, Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka;
11. Requests the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its thirty-fourth session on the progress made in implementing this resolution.

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176 (XXXIII). Co-operation in trade

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, particularly referring to the specific measures contained in part I of resolution 3202 (S-VII) for the expansion and diversification of the international trade of the developing countries,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII) on development and international economic co-operation,

Recalling also the various resolutions in this regard adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its fourth session,

Recalling its resolution 169 (XXXII) on special measures in favour of the least developed, land-locked and island countries,

Noting the progress made in implementing the elements of the Kabul Declaration on Asian Economic Co-operation and Development,

Recognizing that the developments both within and outside the region since the adoption of the Kabul Declaration have been both fundamental and far-reaching,

1. Requests the Executive Secretary to explore the possibility of convening a meeting at the ministerial level, preferably before the thirty-fourth session of the Commission, to discuss matters and problems relating to trade in the region;

2. Notes with appreciation the offer of host facilities made by the Government of India.

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177 (XXXIII). Special measures in favour of the land-locked developing countries

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Reaffirming the Kabul Declaration on Asian Economic Co-operation and Development,

Reaffirming also its resolution 154 (XXXI) containing the New Delhi Declaration on the regional contribution to the establishment of a new international economic order,

Recalling the Manila Declaration and Programme of Action,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 31/157 on specific action in favour of land-locked developing countries and resolution 31/177 on the United Nations Special Fund for Land-locked Developing Countries,

Recalling further Economic and Social Council resolution 1755 (LIV) on special measures related to the particular needs of the land-locked developing countries,

Noting resolution 98 (IV) adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the least developed among the developing countries, developing island countries and developing land-locked countries,

Recalling its resolution 169 (XXXII) on special measures in favour of the least developed, land-locked and island countries,

Appreciating the continued support by UNDP of project activities relating to least developed land-locked countries of the region,

1. Calls upon all Member States of the United Nations in general and those of the Asia and Pacific region in particular to the extent possible:

   (a) To provide the necessary assistance to land-locked developing countries of the region through the adoption of practical measures to facilitate their free access to and from the sea and alleviate the transit difficulties of the land-locked countries of the region;

   (b) To consider the application of single and multimodal customs, facilitiation and transport conventions, such as the TIR Convention,1 so as to achieve more integrated and free-flowing circulation of road, rail, sea and air transport;

1 Customs Convention on the International Transport of goods under cover of TIR (Transport International Routier) Carnets.