3. Further requests the Executive Secretary to submit to the Commission at its thirty-fifth session a report on the implementation of this resolution.

532nd meeting 17 March 1978

182 (XXXIV). Mobilization of resources for the implementation of the programmes of work of the Commission and the regional training and research institutions

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolution 154 (XXXI) of 6 March 1975 containing the New Delhi Declaration, in which it appealed to the international community and member States of the region to re dedicate themselves to, and display the necessary political will for, the attainment of the objectives of the Second United Nations Development Decade and the achievement of the objective of growth with social justice,

Reaffirming its resolutions 166 (XXXII) of 31 March 1976 and 175 (XXXIII) of 29 April 1977, in which it urged all members and associate members of the Commission, other donor countries, the United Nations Development Programme and international agencies, foundations and institutions to consider the provision of generous additional or new contributions to the regional training and research institutions,

Appreciative of the contributions made by the United Nations Development Programme to the programmes of work of the Commission and particularly the regional training and research institutions under the auspices of the Commission,

Appreciative also of the generous contributions made by members and associate members from within and outside the region, other donor countries, agencies of the United Nations system and foundations, towards the programmes of work of the Commission and the regional training and research institutions,

Noting the need for budgetary and extrabudgetary resources to carry out decisions taken at various sessions of the Commission,

1. Invites members and associate members of the Commission to contribute substantial additional resources for the implementation of the programmes of work of the Commission and the regional training and research institutions;

2. Requests the Executive Secretary, in view of the general support shown by the Commission during the discussion of extrabudgetary assistance and the encouraging response in the announcement of intended contributions by members and associate members, to take the necessary steps, in consultation with the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission, to enable the Commission at future sessions to continue the practice of such announcements along similar lines;

3. Further requests the Executive Secretary to take measures, in consultation with United Nations Headquarters, to receive and disburse the funds obtained as a result of the announcement of intended contributions by the members and associate members to the work programmes of the Commission and the regional training and research institutions;

4. Invites the Executive Secretary to continue efforts to obtain additional contributions from various United Nations agencies, other appropriate organizations, foundations and Governments interested in the economic and social development of countries of the region;

5. Further invites the Executive Secretary to submit a report to the Commission at its thirty-fifth session on the implementation of this resolution.

531st meeting 15 March 1978

183 (XXXIV). Strengthening the regional training and research institutions under the auspices of the Commission

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolutions 158 (XXXI) of 6 March 1975 and 166 (XXXII) of 31 March 1976 regarding (a) the establishment of a single intergovernmental governing council of the regional training and research institutions, (b) the designation of the Commission as the executive agency for the regional institutions and expediting of the process of delegation of the relevant functions to the Commission and (c) the taking of all necessary steps to improve the current financial situation of these institutions,

Further recalling its resolution 175 (XXXIII) of 29 April 1977, in which it requested (a) the Executive Secretary to take steps to eliminate duplication and overlapping of functions and work programmes between the secretariat and the regional institutions, particularly in respect of training and related research, and (b) the Intergovernmental Governing Council of the Regional Training and Research Institutions to bring about greater integration of the work programmes of
the regional institutions, including joint activities among them, and also decided to elect 15 members to the Council,

Taking note of the report of the Council on its first session,

Appreciating the action taken by the Executive Secretary towards the implementation of the relevant resolutions of the Commission,

Grateful to the United Nations Development Programme for its continued contributions to the regional institutions,

Appreciative of the assistance rendered by the members and associate members of the Commission and other donor countries,

Bearing in mind the possible changes in the quantum and nature of future financial assistance by the United Nations Development Programme,

Realizing the need for further steps to achieve greater collaboration among the regional institutions and effect increased co-ordination of their activities,

1 Resolves that the regional training and research institutions should continue to function as institutions under the auspices of the Commission and to be closely linked to the United Nations system,

2 Resolves that the Intergovernmental Governing Council of the Regional Training and Research Institutions shall be renamed “Governing Council of the Regional Training and Research Institutions”;

3 Requests the Executive Secretary to continue to act on behalf of the Council and to take such measures with regard to the working of the institutions as may be required to implement the resolutions of the Commission and the decisions of the Council,

4 Further requests the United Nations Development Programme to continue to designate the Commission as executing agency for the regional training and research institutions that are supported by the United Nations Development Programme,

5 Urges the United Nations Development Programme to consider the continuation of an appropriate level of institutional support to the regional institutions already supported with, at the same time, an expanded programme of programme support, particularly from the regional indicative planning figure for the ESCAP region.

6 Further urges the United Nations Development Programme to provide institutional and programme support to the Asia and Pacific Centre for Women and Development, which has so far received no assistance from that source.

7 Requests the Executive Secretary to consult the Secretary-General of the United Nations with a view to exploring the possibility of providing, out of the regular budget of the United Nations, institutional support to the regional training and research institutions under the auspices of the Commission, in the same manner as in the case of the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning.

8 Further requests the Executive Secretary to explore with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the United Nations Development Programme and members and associate members of the Commission and other potential donors the possibility of establishing an endowment fund and its modalities as a measure to solve the financial problems facing the regional training and research institutions.

9 Appeals to all members and associate members of the Commission, other donor countries and interested agencies, foundations and institutions to pledge urgently required additional funds for the regional training and research institutions to enable them to implement their work programmes,

10 Resolves that, in the event of it being considered necessary to establish an additional regional training and research institution, before a decision is made the need for such an institution should be examined by the Commission in the light of the capability of existing regional institutions, so as to avoid duplication of functions, and in terms of the availability of sufficient financial support to enable the proposed institution to operate at minimum viability levels.

11 Requests the Governing Council to examine the question of the possible restructuring of existing regional training and research institutions in order to achieve reduction of operational costs and the optimum use of resources as well as the goal of assisting member countries,

12 Resolves that the Asia and Pacific Centre for Women and Development shall be renamed “Asian and Pacific Centre for Women and Development”,

13 Requests the Executive Secretary to bring this resolution to the attention of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its next meeting for appropriate action,

14 Further requests the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its thirty-fifth session on the implementation of this resolution.

531st meeting
15 March 1978

184 (XXXIV) Human settlements

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

5 See para 383 above