Chapter IV
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION
AT ITS THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION

191 (XXXV). Regional training and research
institutions under the auspices of the
Economic and Social Commission
for Asia and the Pacific

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia
and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolution 175 (XXXIII) of 29 April
1977, in which it requested the Executive Secretary, in
consultation with the Governing Council of the Regional
Training and Research Institutions, to define clearly the
role and responsibilities of the relevant divisions of the
secretariat vis-à-vis those institutions in order to elimi-
nate duplication and overlapping of functions and work
programmes between the secretariat and the institutions,
and also requested the Governing Council to bring about
greater integration of the work programmes of those
institutions,

Further recalling its resolution 183 (XXXIV) of
15 March 1978, in which it requested the Governing
Council to examine the question of the possible restruct-
ing of existing regional training and research institu-
tions in order to achieve reduction of operational costs
and the optimum use of resources as well as the goal of
assisting member countries,

Taking note of the report of the Governing Coun-
cil on its second session\(^2\) and of the report of the
secretariat on the implementation of resolution 183
(XXXIV),\(^3\)

Appreciating the action taken by the Executive
Secretary towards the implementation of the directives
contained in resolution 183 (XXXIV),

Expressing its appreciation of the achievements of
the institutions, their directors and staff, particularly
in the face of the financial and manpower constraints
within which they have had to operate,

Appreciative of the assistance provided by the
United Nations Development Programme towards the
implementation of resolution 183 (XXXIV),

Grateful to the members and associate members
of the Commission, the host Governments, donor
countries, United Nations agencies and foundations for
the assistance rendered to the regional training and
research institutions,

Also appreciative of the continued contributions
to the regional institutions by the United Nations
Development Programme,

Recognizing that the achievement of an integrated
approach to development problems in the training,
research and allied activities of the Commission as well
as in optimizing future financial assistance from the
United Nations Development Programme and the
Governments of members and associate members, as
well as from other donor sources, calls for a restruct-
ing of the existing network of regional training and
research institutions,

1. Expresses appreciation of the initiative of the
Executive Secretary and the United Nations
Development Programme in appointing the ESCAP/UNDP Task
Force on Programme Support for Regional Institutions,
particularly with reference to their programmes and
their institutional structure;

2. Endorses generally the recommendations made
by the Governing Council of the Regional Training and
Research Institutions at its second session;

3. Decides that the Asian and Pacific Develop-
ment Institute, the Asian and Pacific Development
Administration Centre, the Social Welfare and Develop-
ment Centre for Asia and the Pacific and the Asian and
Pacific Centre for Women and Development shall be
integrated, and that the integration shall be completed
by 1 July 1980 as far as practicable, in accordance with
the time-table for preparatory activities annexed to the
report of the Task Force;\(^4\)

4. Further decides that the integrated institution
shall be named the Asian and Pacific Development
Centre;

5. Recommends that the Centre, in formulating
its work programme, should seek functional unity by
adopting a fully integrated approach responsive to the
priority development needs of the region, drawing fully
upon the accumulated experience and expertise of the

\(^1\) See paras. 811-821 above.
\(^2\) E/ESCAP/130.
\(^3\) E/ESCAP/131.
\(^4\) MTCP/RTR(2)/1.
Asian and Pacific Development Institute, the Asian and
Pacific Development Administration Centre, the Social
Welfare and Development Centre for Asia and the Pacific
and the Asian and Pacific Centre for Women and De-
velopment;

6. Recommends further that, in setting up the
new Centre, a special organizational identity should be
given to the programme area related to issues concerning
women and development, and that sufficient emphasis
should be given to activities in the field of social welfare
and development;

7. Notes with appreciation the offers made to
host the Asian and Pacific Development Centre;

8. Requests the Executive Secretary to hold
further consultations with interested Governments on
the location of the Centre and to inform members and
associate members of the Commission of the results of
those consultations;

9. Empowers the Governing Council to make a
decision on the location of the Centre at its forthcoming
session in June-July 1979;

10. Acknowledges with appreciation the offer by
the Government of Japan to continue to provide the
required host facilities and related services to the Statistical
Institute for Asia and the Pacific;

11. Decides that the Statistical Institute for Asia
and the Pacific shall continue to operate as a separate
regional institution, paying due regard to the special
nature of its functions;

12. Resolves that the Asian and Pacific Develop-
ment Centre shall be an intergovernmental institution
with its own charter, under the auspices of the Economic
and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific;

13. Resolves further that:

(a) The activities of the Asian and Pacific De-
velopment Centre and of the Statistical Institute for
Asia and the Pacific shall be reviewed by a governing
council, consisting of representatives of the host Govern-
ments and other members, the number and the terms of
office of which are to be specified by the Commission;

(b) Taking into account the possible need for a
guiding body for the Statistical Institute for Asia and
the Pacific, the Executive Secretary shall be requested to
examine this matter further and present his recommen-
dations to the Governing Council of the Regional
Training and Research Institutions and the Commission
for decision;

(c) The initial members of the proposed govern-
ing council shall be elected at the thirty-sixth session of
the Commission;

(d) The governing council shall report to the
Commission at its regular sessions;

14. Recommends to the Administrator of the
United Nations Development Programme that the
Commission be designated as the executing agency of
the Asian and Pacific Development Centre;

15. Resolves that the term of office of the pre-
sent members of the Governing Council of the Regional
Training and Research Institutions, including the five
members whose terms of office expire in 1979, shall be
extended until the date on which the members of the
new governing council assume office;

16. Requests the Executive Secretary to take the
necessary steps, in consultation with the directors of the
institutions, to implement the recommendations made by
the Governing Council at its second session, as
approved by the Commission;

17. Further requests the Executive Secretary to
proceed to formulate a charter for the Asian and Pacific
Development Centre in consultation with the United
Nations Development Programme, the United Nations
Office of Legal Affairs and Governments of members
and associate members, and to submit the charter to the
Governing Council of the Regional Training and Re-
search Institutions and to the Commission at its thirty-
sixth session for consideration;

18. Requests the Executive Secretary to pursue
action for the preparation of the next project phase of
the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific in
consultation with the host Government, the United
Nations Development Programme and the United
Nations Office of Legal Affairs, if necessary;

19. Further requests the Executive Secretary to
appoint, from 1 July 1980, in consultation with the
Governing Council of the Regional Training and Re-
search Institutions, a director for the Asian and Pacific
Development Centre according to the requirements
approved by the Governing Council and, in consultation
with the director, to appoint other staff as necessary;

20. Strongly urges the United Nations Develop-
ment Programme:

(a) To provide to the new institution adequate
institutional support at an appropriate and sufficient
level in addition to programme support;

(b) To continue institutional and programme
support to the Asian and Pacific Development Institute,
the Asian and Pacific Development Administration
Centre, the Social Welfare and Development Centre
for Asia and the Pacific and the Asian and Pacific
Centre for Women and Development until their inte-
gration in the Asian and Pacific Development Centre
has been effected, to enable them to implement their
work programmes for 1979 and 1980;

(c) To continue to provide institutional support
to the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific for
1980 and 1981, as already agreed, and also to continue
to provide programme support to the Institute;
21. **Appeals** to all Governments of members and associate members of the Commission, other donor countries and interested agencies, foundations and institutions:

(a) To continue to provide timely assistance in cash and kind to the existing regional training and research institutions until their integration in the Asian and Pacific Development Centre to ease their cash-flow difficulties and to enable them to implement their work programmes for 1979 and 1980;

(b) To continue to provide timely assistance in cash and kind to the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific after the other four institutions have been integrated;

(c) To provide generous assistance in cash and kind to the Asian and Pacific Development Centre especially to ensure its successful initial operation;

22. **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 Asian and Pacific Development Centre, under the auspices of the Commission, in the same manner as in the case of the Latin American Institute for Economic and Social Planning;

23. **Further requests** the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its thirty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

544th meeting
14 March 1979

192 (XXXV). **Statute of the Regional Mineral Resources Development Centre**

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling the recommendation to the secretariat at the Commission's twenty-sixth session that consideration should be given to the establishment of a regional mineral resources development centre,

Recalling further the establishment by the secretariat of the Regional Mineral Resources Development Centre on 24 October 1973,

Considering the agreement at its thirty-first session that an intergovernmental meeting should be convened in 1975 to consider, inter alia, the draft Statute of the centre,

Noting the election of the first Governing Council of the Centre at the thirty-fourth session, and the adoption of the draft Statute of the Centre at the first session of the Governing Council, held at Bandung, Indonesia, in September 1978,

Adopts the Statute of the Regional Mineral Resources Development Centre, the text of which is annexed to the present resolution, as a basis for its operations.

544th meeting
14 March 1979

Annex

Statute of the Regional Mineral Resources Development Centre

Establishment

1. The Centre, established in October 1973 in accordance with a decision of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) at its twenty-ninth session and the Regional Conference on Geology and Mineral Resources Development at the ninth session, shall be entitled "the Regional Mineral Resources Development Centre" (hereinafter referred to as "the Centre").

2. The objective of the Centre is to assist the regional members and associate members of ESCAP, upon their request, in strengthening and increasing the scope and activities of their governmental agencies responsible for geological investigations and mineral resources development.

Functions

3. In pursuance of the objective stated in paragraph 2, the Centre, in co-operation with other bodies as appropriate, shall, as requested by the countries concerned:

   (a) Provide the services of experts to assist and advise the governmental agencies and train their counterpart personnel, in various fields of mineral resources exploration and development;

   (b) Assist governmental agencies in drawing up programmes and identifying national projects for which assistance might be needed and in preparing requests and arranging for assistance, either from international agencies or from Governments willing to provide assistance on a bilateral basis;

   (c) Assess the requirements for training in specialized fields and arrange appropriate facilities and programmes for training, as far as possible within the ESCAP region;

   (d) Acquire and disseminate technical data to governmental agencies, and provide assistance in building up systematic national or regional inventories of mineral resources, with a view to computer storage and retrieval where appropriate;

   (e) Arrange regional or subregional laboratory facilities for the use of those countries for which the