acquisition of such facilities, particularly for the more sophisticated processes, could not be justified individually.

4. In carrying out its functions, the Centre will encourage due concern for environmental quality and the development of skills in environmental management.

Governing Council

5. The Centre shall have a Governing Council (hereinafter referred to as "the Council") consisting of a representative of the host member and eight representatives of the other members and associate members of ESCAP elected by the Commission.

Other than the host member, members of the Council shall be elected for a period of three years, but shall be eligible for re-election. The first Council will be elected for the period ending at the Commission session in 1980.

6. The Executive Secretary of ESCAP or his representative, the Co-ordinator of the Centre and, during the period of UNDP financial support to the Centre, the representative of UNDP shall be ex officio members of the Council.

7. Governments other than those specified in paragraph 5 above, as well as international and national bodies deemed appropriate by the Council, may be invited to attend its meetings in a consultative capacity.

8. The Council shall be responsible for the overall management of the operations of the Centre through the Co-ordinator. The Council shall consider and adopt the annual and long-term programme of work of the Centre. The Council shall submit a progress report on the work of the Centre to the Commission at each of its sessions.

9. The Council shall meet at least once a year and shall adopt its own rules of procedure.

Co-ordinator and staff

10. The Centre shall have a Co-ordinator who shall be appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations after consultation with the Council. The first Co-ordinator may be appointed by the Secretary-General before the establishment of the Council for a period of up to two years.

11. The Co-ordinator shall be responsible for the execution of the decisions and directives of the Council, for the preparation of the Centre's draft programme and budget, for the execution of the Centre's work programme and for the general control, direction and management of the affairs of the Centre.

12. The Co-ordinator shall prepare and submit to the Council an annual report on the activities, administration, management and financial status of the Centre.

13. The professional staff will be appointed by the appropriate administrative authorities at United Nations Headquarters upon the recommendation of the Co-ordinator. One of the professional staff may be appointed by the Co-ordinator to act as Deputy Co-ordinator.

Resources of the Centre

14. The financial, staff and physical resources of the Centre shall be derived from contributions made by UNDP, other United Nations bodies and agencies and contributing Governments. Further resources may be derived from intergovernmental or non-governmental organizations and institutions and other sources, as may be deemed appropriate by the Council. Contributions received are to be administered in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules and practices of the United Nations, including those with respect to the establishment and control of trust funds.

15. The financial management of the Centre shall be subject to the Financial Regulations and Rules and other pertinent directives of the United Nations.

16. A separate agreement shall be entered into by the United Nations with the Government of the country providing host facilities.

193 (XXXV). Implementation of General Assembly resolution 32/197 on restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977 and 33/202 of 29 January 1979 on restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system, particularly section IV of the annex to resolution 32/197, relating to structures for regional and interregional co-operation,

Affirming the important role that the Commission fulfils in the United Nations system in facilitating, promoting and expediting the process of the development and socio-economic cooperation of the developing countries in the region,

Noting the confirmation by the General Assembly in its resolution 32/197 of the need for the regional commissions:

(a) To play their role as the main general economic and social development centres within the United Nations system for their respective regions,

(b) To exercise team leadership and responsibility for co-ordination and co-operation at the regional level,

6 See paras. 460-461, 830-834 and 851-852 above.
(c) To provide inputs for the global policy-making processes of the competent United Nations organs, and to participate fully in the implementation of the relevant policy and programme decisions taken by those organs,

(d) To be consulted on the definition of the objectives to be included in the medium-term plan of the United Nations covering fields of interest to them,

(e) To participate actively in operational activities and to be enabled to function expeditiously as executing agencies as appropriate,

(f) To intensify their efforts to strengthen and enlarge regional and subregional co-operation,

(g) To strengthen and, as appropriate, expand arrangements for the exchange of information and experience so as to promote more effective interregional co-operation,

(h) To rationalize their structures, inter alia, by streamlining their subsidiary machinery,

Emphasizing the need to strengthen the Commission, particularly through expeditious implementation of the relevant clauses of General Assembly resolution 32/197 and of Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/74 of 4 August 1978 on regional co-operation and development, so that the objectives envisaged in those resolutions are achieved effectively and efficiently,

Considering the slow progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 32/197, in particular section IV of the annex,

Noting the proposals and measures contained particularly in paragraph 93 of the Secretary-General’s report to the General Assembly7 on restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system,

1. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to expedite the implementation of General Assembly resolution 32/197, particularly where it relates to the Commission, and to make available adequate budgetary and financial resources, especially through redeployment, in order to strengthen the capability of the Commission;

2. Further requests the Secretary-General to ensure that arrangements are made and ways and means provided for the implementation of measures included in paragraph 93 of his report;

3. Requests the Executive Secretary to identify the tasks which could be assumed by the Commission as a result of restructuring the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system and to indicate the financial and manpower implications of those tasks;

4. Requests the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission, to continue efforts towards rationalizing the conference structure of the Commission in order to improve its over-all performance, bearing in mind the issues and proposals mentioned in the present resolution;

5. Also requests the Executive Secretary to continue his efforts to obtain the required resources for the secretariat and to make the necessary arrangements to strengthen its capability to meet the new challenges posed by the implementation of General Assembly resolution 32/197;

6. Requests the Executive Secretary to make every effort to streamline the existing administrative structure of the secretariat so as to minimize the extent of the additional resources required as a result of added responsibilities arising out of decentralization;

7. Further requests the Executive Secretary to submit a report to the Commission at its thirty-sixth session on the progress made and measures to be adopted in implementation of the present resolution.

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14 March 1979

194 (XXXV). Promotion of and support for economic and technical co-operation among developing countries8

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, and Commission resolutions 162 (XXXII) of 31 March 1976 on technical co-operation among developing countries and 171 (XXXIII) of 29 April 1977 on economic and technical co-operation among developing ESCAP countries,

Recalling further General Assembly resolutions 2688 (XXV) of 11 December 1970 on the capacity of the United Nations development system, in particular its provisions relating to priority setting, and 3405 (XXX) of 28 November 1975 on new dimensions in technical co-operation, especially its aspects relating to technical co-operation among developing countries, as well as Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/74 of 4 August 1978 on regional co-operation and development,

Recalling also the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Co-operation

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7 A/33/410/Rev.1.

8 See paras. 440-454 above.