(i) The identification and matching of their capabilities and needs, especially with respect to experts and institutions;

(ii) The preparation of intensified programmes of co-operation as requested by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1978/74;

(iii) The formulation of inter-country projects on request;

(iv) The provision of other preparatory assistance;

(e) Assist through appropriate follow-up activities on request the implementation of co-operative activities and projects undertaken by developing countries and subregional economic and other functional groupings;

(f) Collaborate with the other regional commissions and intergovernmental organizations in the formulation and implementation of joint projects to assist co-operation between countries in two or more regions through interregional action programmes;

(g) Attract and channel additional financial and other forms of contributions to assist economic and technical co-operation among developing countries, including resources to facilitate, inter alia, the participation of least developed, land-locked and developing island countries, the expansion of fellowships and trainee programmes, and the execution of preparatory and supplementary assistance projects;

7. Recommends to the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme that it should take active steps to ensure the involvement of developing countries of each region in determining collectively the priorities for the utilization of the indicative planning figure for their respective region;

8. Calls upon the Executive Secretary, in cooperation, where feasible, with the executive secretaries of the other regional commissions, to consult the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, with a view to reviewing present practices for determining the utilization of regional indicative planning figures, in order to involve developing countries of each region in the collective setting, through their respective regional commission, of priorities for this purpose;

9. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to take urgent steps to provide adequate resources and other support to enable the secretariat of the Commission to undertake the activities effectively and to help to achieve the objectives referred to in the present resolution;

10. Calls upon its legislative committees, the Governing Council of the Regional Training and Research Institutions and other intergovernmental bodies under its auspices to:

(a) Place accelerating emphasis on the promotion, implementation and review of economic and technical co-operation among developing countries in their various sectors;

(b) Take the necessary steps to implement Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/74;

11. 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

195 (XXXV). Mobilization of resources for the implementation of the programme of work of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

Recalling its resolution 154 (XXXI) of 6 March 1975, in which it appealed to the international community and member States of the region to redelegate 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 growth with social justice,

Further recalling its resolution 182 (XXXIV) of 15 March 1978, in which it invited 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,

Noting the unanimous support indicated by members and associate members at the thirty-fourth session of the Commission for the announcement of intended contributions to the work programme of the Commission and that of the regional training and research institutions,

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

Appreciative also of the steps taken by the Executive Secretary to make available to the members and associate members detailed information on projects available under the Commission and other documentation relevant to the announcement of intended contributions,

10 See para. 455-462 above.
1. Requests the Executive Secretary, pursuant to resolution 182 (XXXIV), to take steps to make the practice of the announcement of intended contributions a regular feature of future Commission sessions along the lines adopted at the thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth sessions and to make available to the members and associate members and other donor countries appropriate information to facilitate the announcement of intended contributions;

2. Requests the members, associate members and other donor countries to indicate, whenever practicable, the level of their intended contributions for the following calendar year;

3. Urges members, associate members and other donor countries, especially the countries of the region and other countries which are in a position to make contributions to the Commission, to contribute generously for the implementation of the work programmes of the Commission and the regional training and research institutions under the auspices of the Commission and, in order to enable the secretariat to implement the work programme expeditiously, to endeavour to make payments of their contributions as early as possible in the calendar year;

4. Requests the Executive Secretary to consult the Secretary-General of the United Nations with a view to obtaining additional resources from the United Nations regular budget for the activities of the Commission;

5. Invites the Executive Secretary to continue efforts to obtain additional contributions from the United Nations Development Programme and other agencies, international financial institutions, organizations and foundations and other sources of extrabudgetary funds;

6. Further invites the Executive Secretary to submit a report to the Commission, at its thirty-sixth session, on progress in the implementation of the present resolution.

545th meeting
16 March 1979

196 (XXXV). Role of the co-operative movement in the social and economic development of the developing countries of Asia and the Pacific

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 2459 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968 and 3273 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1668 (LII) of 1 June 1972,

Further recalling General Assembly resolutions 31/38 of 30 November 1976 on national experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress and 33/47 of 14 December 1978 on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement,

Recalling its resolutions 161 (XXXII) of 31 March 1976 and 172 (XXXIII) of 29 April 1977 on the integrated programme on rural development and 180 (XXXIV) of 17 March 1978 entitled "Economic and social development strategy for the 1980s",

Recognizing that co-operatives play an important role in socio-economic development, in particular, through mobilization and national utilization of human, financial and other resources and through the participation of the population as a whole in the process of development at the local level,

Taking into account the experience of the countries of the region in promoting the co-operative movement,

1. Requests the Executive Secretary, in cooperation, if necessary, with relevant United Nations agencies in the region, to prepare for discussion at the thirty-seventh session of the Commission, a report summarizing the experience of member countries in promoting the co-operative movement with reference, in particular, to rural areas and to the participation of women and youth in the co-operative movement and to the role of co-operatives in socio-economic development, as a regional contribution to the report being prepared by the Secretary-General for the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session;

2. Invites member countries to submit to the Executive Secretary, if possible before the middle of 1980, reports on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement;

3. Requests the Executive Secretary to take into account, in preparing the regional report, the comments and recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session.

545th meeting
16 March 1979

197 (XXXV). Role of the public sector in promoting the economic and social development of the developing countries of Asia and the Pacific

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 3335 (XXIX) of 17 December 1974, 3488 (XXX) of 12

12 See para. 475 above.

13 See para. 506 above.