to technical co-operation among developing countries in the area of the integration of women in development;

5. Requests donor countries to provide greater support to the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women in order that work pertaining to the integration of women in development is further enhanced and taken up as a sustained, continuous activity;

6. Calls upon the United Nations Development Programme, other United Nations bodies and specialized agencies and international financial institutions, as well as non-governmental organizations:

(a) To assist Governments in the implementation of the recommendations of the Regional Preparatory Conference;

(b) To provide adequate programme support at the country and regional levels for achieving the integration of women in the development process;

(c) To incorporate programmes and activities for women as an integral part of their plans;

(d) To assess the impact on women of the projects financed by them.

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204 (XXXVI). Special measures in favour of the least developed countries

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Reaffirming its resolution 178 (XXXIII) of 29 April 1977 on special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries,

Recalling resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development of 3 June 1979, in which the Conference decided, as one of its priorities, to launch a Comprehensive New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries, in two phases, comprising an Immediate Action Programme (1979-1981) and a Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s,

Noting General Assembly resolution 34/210 of 19 December 1979, in which the Assembly endorsed the Comprehensive New Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries,

Noting also General Assembly resolution 34/203 of 19 December 1979, in which the Assembly decided to convene a United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries in 1981, in order to finalize, adopt and support the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s,

Noting further as being of particular importance resolution 5 (III) adopted by the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, at its first session, held at Geneva in February 1980, on the review of progress and implementation under the Immediate Action Programme (1979-1981) and of studies and preparations relating to the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s,

Emphasizing the need for a greatly expanded transfer of official development assistance to the least developed countries, in the context of a general increase in official development assistance for all developing countries with a view to realizing the 0.7 per cent target,

Emphasizing further that external support should be forthcoming from developed countries, developing countries in a position to do so, multilateral development institutions and other sources,

1. Urges its members and associate members and the international donor community, including multilateral agencies, to take urgent necessary steps to implement all provisions, recommendations and commitments made under resolution 122 (V) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, General Assembly resolutions 34/203 and 34/210 and resolution 5 (III) adopted by the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

2. Calls upon the Executive Secretary to extend co-operation, support and contributions to the preparatory work for the Conference, including the convening of a meeting on the least developed countries of the ESCAP region, prior to the Conference;

3. Requests the Executive Secretary to review and evaluate the progress in implementing the Immediate Action Programme (1979-1981) at the regional level and the studies and preparations relating to the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s, and to report thereon to the Commission at its thirty-seventh session.

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205 (XXXVI). Role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 33/135 of 19 December 1978 on the role of qualified national personnel in the social and economic development of developing countries,
Having considered the reports of the Governing Council and of the Executive Secretary recommending that the Centre be established initially by a resolution of the Commission for a period of three years, after which it would be permanently established as an intergovernmental institution with its own charter, pursuant to paragraph 12 of resolution 191 (XXXV),

Noting that an interim draft Statute for the Centre has been approved by the Governing Council,

Noting with appreciation the offer of the United Nations Development Programme to provide financing for a portion of the estimated requirement of approximately SUS 9.8 million for institutional support of the Centre for a five-year period in the amount of approximately SUS 4.2 million, on the understanding that such support will be provided at a declining annual rate commensurate with the increasing financial contributions of member Governments for the balance of the requirement for institutional support in the total amount of SUS 5.6 million over the said five-year period,

Noting further the United Nations Development Programme’s position on institutional support to the Centre that such support will be offered on the understanding that a permanent intergovernmental institution will have been established by the member Governments as provided for in paragraph 12 of resolution 191 (XXXV),

Noting also with appreciation the offer of the United Nations Development Programme to provide additional financing for the programmes of the Centre,

Noting further with appreciation that the consultations which the Executive Secretary has had with Governments on the location of the headquarters of the Centre have concluded with the recommendation that it should have its headquarters at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia,

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1. Expresses its appreciation to the Government of Malaysia for its generous offer to serve as host country to the Asian and Pacific Development Centre;

2. Decides that the headquarters of the Centre shall be established at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia;

II

1. Adopts the Statute of the Asian and Pacific Development Centre, the text of which is attached as annex I to the present resolution, as an interim basis for the operations of the Centre pending permanent establishment of the Centre as a separate intergovernmental institution by July 1983, on the understanding that the Statute will terminate upon the entry into force of the Charter of the Centre, or on 1 July 1985

Bearing in mind Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/52 of 2 August 1979 and decision 79/13 of 27 June 1979 adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, concerning the implementation of the provisions of General Assembly resolution 33/135,

1. Invites the Governments of the members and associate members of the Commission to carry out effective measures to improve training and to increase the number of qualified national personnel;

2. Requests the Executive Secretary to consult with the members and associate members of the Commission, in close co-operation with the United Nations Development Programme and the relevant specialized agencies, as to the measures which can be taken for the implementation of General Assembly resolution 33/135 at the regional level and to submit a progress report to the Commission at its thirty-seventh session.

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206 (XXXVI), Establishment of the Asian and Pacific Development Centre

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolution 191 (XXXV) of 14 March 1979, in which, inter alia, it decided that 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 should be integrated into a single regional training and research institution to be known as the Asian and Pacific Development Centre,

Recalling also its request in the same resolution that the Executive Secretary should proceed to formulate a charter for the Asian and Pacific Development Centre and should submit the charter to the Governing Council of the Regional Training and Research Institutions and to the Commission at its thirty-sixth session for consideration,

Further recalling its recommendation in the same resolution 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,

Noting with appreciation that, pursuant to its request to the Executive Secretary, a draft Charter for the Asian and Pacific Development Centre has now been formulated,