Chapter IV
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION
AT ITS FORTY-FIRST SESSION

240 (XLI). Observance of the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 39/161 of 17 December 1984 on observance of the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations,

Recognizing that the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations constitutes a unique opportunity for Member States to reaffirm their commitment to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Taking note of the recommendation of the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1984/82 of 27 July 1984 on the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations in 1985 that the regional commissions take full cognizance of the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations and participate actively in its observance,

Expressing the hope that the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations would mark the beginning of an era of peace and prosperity for all nations,

1. Calls upon the members and associate members of the Commission to undertake activities aimed at the successful observance of the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations;

2. Invites the Executive Secretary to ensure, through the United Nations Information Services in the secretariat, dissemination of appropriate information concerning the commemoration of the fortieth anniversary;

3. Further invites the Executive Secretary to take relevant steps within the secretariat to co-ordinate the activities of the Commission with respect to the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations.

630th meeting
29 March 1983

241 (XLI). Science and technology policy, planning and management for the promotion of economic and social development

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 34/218 of 19 December 1979 on the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development,

Recalling also the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade, contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 35/56 of 5 December 1980, particularly paragraph 121,

Keeping in mind the urgent need for the implementation of the ESCAP Plan of Action on Technology for Development adopted by the Commission under the terms of its resolution 235 (XL) of 27 April 1984,

Recognizing the important role of science and technology policy, planning and management in strengthening the overall technological capabilities of the developing countries,

Taking into consideration the special features and requirements of the developing members and associate members of the Commission in the Asian and Pacific region, particularly the least developed, land-locked and island countries,

Recognizing also the need for members and associate members to share experiences and to carry out co-operative activities in the field of science and technology policy, planning and management,

1. Invites the developing members and associate members of the Commission to pay special attention to the important role of science and technology policy, planning and management in their economic and social development programmes;

2. Calls upon members and associate members of the Commission to improve and strengthen their existing national institutes and centres for science and technology and to consider making them available,

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1 See paras. 876-883 above.

2 See paras. 346-371 above.
as appropriate, to the benefit of other members and associate members;

3. Urges developed members of the Commission and the relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to accord priority consideration to the efforts of the developing members and associate members to enhance the effectiveness of their technological capabilities;

4. Requests the Executive Secretary to continue his efforts to provide technical assistance and support to the science and technology activities of members and associate members of the Commission;

5. Further requests the Executive Secretary to adopt effective measures to facilitate the exchange of experience and co-operation among members and associate members in the field of science and technology policy, planning and management, and inter alia:

(a) To organize rotating seminar-cum-study tours in this field through the relevant divisions of the secretariat and relevant regional institutions;

(b) To convene in 1986 a regional seminar on science and technology policy, planning and management;

6. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the heads of the relevant agencies of the United Nations system to render support and assistance to these measures and activities within available resources;

7. Requests the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its forty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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242 (XLI). Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries

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, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974, containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Reaffirming the provisions of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade concerning the least developed countries,

Recalling resolution 142 (VI) of 2 July 1983 of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on progress in the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 37/224 of 20 December 1982, 38/195 of 20 December 1983 and 39/174 of 17 December 1984 on the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action,

Recalling further Commission resolution 233 (XXXIX) of 28 April 1983 on the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action,

Recognizing that the mid-term global review of the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action will provide an opportunity for the international community to consider ways and means of enhancing the implementation of the Programme during the rest of the 1980s and adjusting it, as appropriate, in the second half of the decade of the 1980s,

Noting that a mid-term global review of progress towards the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action will be undertaken from 30 September to 11 October 1985,

Recalling that the High-level Meeting prior to the Mid-term Global Review of the Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries was convened by the Commission at Bangkok from 28 to 31 January 1985,

Expressing serious concern at the generally deteriorating economic and social conditions in the least developed countries in spite of their national efforts at development, as well as efforts made by the international community, since the adoption of the Substantial New Programme of Action, and stressing the increased and immediate need for further support measures in order to strengthen national efforts for self-reliance so that the objectives of the Programme could be fully realized,

1. Notes the report\(^5\) of the High-level Meeting prior to the Mid-term Global Review of the Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries directed towards accelerated implementation of the Programme in the second half of the decade;

2. Urges developed countries, and developing countries in a position to do so, the relevant

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\(^3\) See paras. 335-345 above.