on the possible causes of the debt crisis in terms of
external trade, industrialization, rise in world interest
rates, economic and debt management policies of
debtor countries and financial policies of creditor
countries, drawing to the greatest extent possible on
available studies;

2. **Invites** members and associate members
participating in the forthcoming Meeting of Ministers
of Trade, to be held from 16 to 18 June 1986, to
hold informal consultations on the implications of
the debt crisis for international trade and financial
co-operation;

3. **Appeals** to multilateral financial institutions
to continue to assist in alleviating the crisis by supporting
adjustment measures in debtor countries consistent
with long-term growth perspectives, particularly for
developing and least developed, land-locked and island
developing countries;

4. **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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254 (XLII). Programme co-ordination and
evaluation in the Commission

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia
and the Pacific,

Recognizing the need to rationalize the activities
and operations of the Commission so as to improve
its efficiency and effectiveness,

Realizing that the available resources are limited
and therefore reaffirming the need for their judicious
utilization and mobilization,

Convinced that programme co-ordination and
evaluation are directly interrelated with priority setting
and monitoring,

Desirous of strengthening existing ways and
means to improve the efficiency of the Commission
in the attainment of its goals,

Noting that the programme of work of the
Commission should contain only those activities which the
countries in the region consider most essential to
their needs and most suitable for effective implement-
ation,

Noting also the need to avoid overprogramming,
duplication of work and proliferation of bodies,

Conscious of the guidelines for streamlining
the ESCAP programme of work endorsed by the
Commission at its thirty-sixth session and the criteria
for setting its programme priorities as adopted at its
thirty-ninth session,

Noting further that the Advisory Committee
of Permanent Representatives and Other Representa-
tives Designated by Members of the Commission
provides advice to the Executive Secretary in pro-
gramme co-ordination and evaluation,

1. **Urges** the legislative committees to continue
to strengthen their capability to monitor their respective
work programmes and results;

2. **Requests** the Executive Secretary, in cons-
ultation with the Advisory Committee of Permanent
Representatives and Other Representatives Designated
by Members of the Commission, to recommend further
measures to bridge the gap between programming
and performance, including a review of the present
documentation to make it more concise and issue-
oriented and paying due regard to the fact that the
programme of work for the next biennium should contain only activities that the members and associate
members of the Commission consider basic to their
priority needs and suitable for effective implementation;

3. **Further 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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255 (XLII). The Eighth Replenishment of the
International Development Association

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia
and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 35/56
of 5 December 1980, the annex to which contains the
International Development Strategy for the Third
United Nations Development Decade, and resolution
165 (VI) of 2 July 1983 of the United Nations
Conference on Trade and Development on multilateral
development institutions,

Recalling further the recommendation of the
Task Force on Concessional Flows of the Development
Committee, Joint Ministerial Committee of the World
Bank and the International Monetary Fund on Transfer
of Real Resources to Developing Countries, that "donor governments should exert redoubled efforts
to increase the supply of official development assistance
as a matter of urgency",

See paras. 706-714 above.

10 See para 179 above.