quality-of-life dimension of human resources development,

Recognizing the significant changes in demographic situations obtaining in the countries and territories of the Asian and Pacific region,

Further recognizing the important linkages between various aspects of human resources development and changes in mortality, fertility, migration and structure and composition of population,

1. Calls upon the Executive Secretary to conduct, subject to the availability of resources, an analytical study on the implications of changes in demographic situations for the various aspects of human resources development;

2. Invites members and associate members in a position to do so, concerned donors and relevant United Nations specialized agencies and bodies, particularly the United Nations Population Fund, to provide financial and other support and participate in the above-mentioned study, and to support other population activities of the ESCAP secretariat;

3. Invites members and associate members to transmit to the Executive Secretary relevant data and other information, as available, on the changes in the levels and trends of mortality, fertility, migration and structure and composition of population, as well as on the current status of human resources development, in order to facilitate the preparation of the above study;

4. Requests the Executive Secretary to assist, subject to availability of resources, the members and associate members, upon request, in the formulation and implementation of population policies and programmes as integral parts of socio-economic development plans;

5. Requests the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its forty-fifth session on the implementation of the present resolution, and present the findings and recommendations of the study at subsequent sessions.

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Recalling the proposals for action contained in the report of the Third Asian and Pacific Ministerial Conference on Social Welfare and Social Development highlighting a number of policy issues requiring an in-depth understanding of the quality of life in the region,

Further recalling its resolution 259 (XLIII) of 30 April 1987 containing the Declaration on the Fortieth Anniversary of ESCAP, in which the Commission, inter alia, called upon its members and associate members to undertake specific programmes in the field of human resources development, keeping in view the ESCAP plan of action in that field,

Noting the emphasis placed on quality-of-life issues as a basic dimension of human resources development in the Jakarta Plan of Action on Human Resources Development in the ESCAP Region, and particularly noting the recommendations contained in that Plan of Action regarding research and analysis of the quality-of-life dimension of human resources development,

1. Calls upon the Executive Secretary to conduct, subject to the availability of resources, an analytical survey on the quality of life in the ESCAP region as a major initial activity in implementation of the Jakarta Plan of Action on Human Resources Development in the ESCAP Region;

2. Invites members and associate members to transmit to the Executive Secretary available current data and other information on the quality of life in their respective countries and territories;

3. Invites members and associate members in a position to do so, as well as relevant United Nations specialized agencies and bodies concerned with the quality of life in Asia and the Pacific, to provide financial and other assistance to the preparation of the survey;

10/ See para. 202 above.
4. Requests the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its forty-fifth session on the implementation of the present resolution, and to submit the findings and recommendations of the survey to the Commission at its session immediately following the completion of that survey.

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274 (XLIV). Jakarta Plan of Action on Human Resources Development in the ESCAP Region

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolutions 247 (XLII) of 1 May 1986 on forecasting, planning and development of technological human resources, 256 (XLII) of 2 May 1986 on the ESCAP Plan of Action on National and Regional Initiatives for Human Resources Development: Its Technological Dimensions, and 260 (XLIII) of 30 April 1987 on an ESCAP integrated plan of action on human resources development,

Reaffirming its commitment to human resources development as a vital aspect of integrated national development efforts,

Recognizing the need for informed, concerted national and regional action in the field of human resources development,

Recognizing that the issues of employment and manpower development, science and technology, and quality of life, should be addressed in the integrated plan of action,

Also recognizing that human resources development is a broad concept encompassing many components and requiring sustained efforts over a long period for its gradual effective implementation,

Taking into account the report of the Tokyo Expert Group Meeting to Formulate Guidelines for an ESCAP Integrated Plan of Action on Human Resources Development,

Also taking into account the opinions of those members and associate members which were not in a position to express their views on the subject at an earlier stage,

Also taking into account the deliberations on the issue of human resources development in the Asian and Pacific region at its forty-second, forty-third and present sessions,

Acknowledging the opening address by His Excellency President Soeharto of Indonesia,

1. Adopts the integrated plan of action on human resources development annexed to the present resolution as a general guideline to be applied flexibly by the Commission and its members and associate members in accordance with the differing economic and social conditions prevailing in the countries of the region, giving special consideration to the least developed countries of the region;

2. Decides that the plan of action shall be called the Jakarta Plan of Action on Human Resources Development in the ESCAP Region;

3. Invites members and associate members in a position to do so, as well as other interested countries, to support the Commission's efforts to implement the Jakarta Plan of Action;

4. Also invites relevant agencies, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, and intergovernmental bodies, to extend effective support to the implementation of the Jakarta Plan of Action, together with the projects, programmes and activities undertaken in the field of human resources development;

5. Requests the Executive Secretary:

(a) To examine in further detail the problems and recommend possible solutions in implementing the Jakarta Plan of Action, and in that connection, upon the availability of the necessary extrabudgetary resources, to convene a meeting of experts to obtain advice in this matter;

(b) To organize an intergovernmental meeting to make preparations for the necessary arrangements to implement the Jakarta Plan of Action, and to submit the report of that meeting to the Commission at its forty-fifth session in 1989;

(c) To monitor the human resources development process in the region;

11/ See paras. 194-232 above.