Programme of Action; region to fulfil their commitments as contained in the
Bangkok on 14 and 15 March 2006, and requests members and, as appropriate, associate members in the
region to assist Pacific island developing countries, and South-South cooperation,

Recognizing the desire of Pacific island developing countries and, as appropriate, associate members to participate effectively in and benefit from the Commission’s activities as a whole,

Recognizing also that, at the Meeting of Pacific Islands Forum Leaders held in Papua New Guinea in 2005, Pacific island countries formulated and adopted the Pacific Plan for Strengthening Regional Cooperation and Integration in support of national development efforts,

Affirming that all development strategies must be nationally driven and owned,
Welcoming the convening of the Pacific Leaders United Nations ESCAP Special Session, held in Jakarta on 10 April 2006 during the sixty-second session of the Commission,

Welcoming also the revitalization of the United Nations ESCAP Pacific Operations Centre and the establishment of subprogramme 3, Development of Pacific island developing countries and territories, pursuant to Commission resolution 60/6 of 28 April 2004,

1. Requests the Executive Secretary, within existing regular budget resources, or through voluntary contributions, as available:

(a) To take into account, consistent with the mandate of the UN-EPOC and the ESCAP programme of work, the development approach of regionalism and the priorities set out in the Pacific Plan for Strengthening Regional Cooperation and Integration in technical cooperation activities for Pacific Island developing countries;

(b) To (i) undertake research and analysis and provide advice and technical assistance aimed at building the capacity of Pacific Island developing countries to benefit from their relations with the countries of Asia in, among others, the areas of trade and investment; and (ii) investigate, in conjunction with relevant Pacific tourism bodies, options for a forum to share Asian and Pacific experiences in tourism development, to be held in 2007;

(c) To promote the South-South cooperation mechanism in order to assist Pacific Island developing countries in implementing the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and the Pacific Plan with a view to achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

B. Other decisions

Decision 62/1
Deferment of consideration of the draft resolution on the establishment of the Asian and Pacific Centre for ICST-enabled Disaster Management (APIDM)14

At its fifth plenary meeting, on 12 April 2006, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific decided to defer consideration of the draft resolution submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran and entitled “Establishment of the Asian and Pacific Centre for ICST-enabled Disaster Management (APIDM)” until the sixty-third session of the Commission.

Decision 62/2
Procedure followed in the adoption of the report of the Commission on its sixty-second session15

At its fifth plenary meeting, on 12 April 2006, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific adopted the draft report on its sixty-second session, noting that, except for references to “the Commission elected” or “the Commission endorsed”, all statements therein refer to views expressed by one or more delegations, and not to official views or decisions of the Commission.

14 See paragraphs 109 and 110 above.

15 Pursuant to the statement made by the Chairman during the adoption of the report at the fifth plenary meeting.