(b) To mainstream the perspective of persons with disabilities in development initiatives, including in efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals;

(c) To review the implementation of the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action and Biwako Plus Five on a regular basis in preparation for the high-level intergovernmental meeting to be held in 2012;

2. Requests the Executive Secretary:

(a) To assist members and associate members in building their capacity to implement the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action and Biwako Plus Five in order to ensure that a rights-based approach to disability is incorporated into their policies and programmes;

(b) To promote coordination and collaboration among United Nations agencies and regional organizations in order to support member States in implementing the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action and Biwako Plus Five, and in incorporating the perspective of persons with disabilities in actions aimed at achieving the Millennium Development Goals and also, as appropriate, to assist States in becoming parties to and in implementing the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;

(c) To improve the accessibility of the facilities and services of ESCAP for persons with disabilities, in collaboration with United Nations agencies and organizations and disabled persons’ organizations;

(d) To continue strengthening the partnership between ESCAP and the Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability;

(e) To convene a high-level intergovernmental meeting to review the implementation of the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action and Biwako Plus Five in 2012, the concluding year of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012;

(f) To submit to the Commission at its sixty-sixth session, including to the relevant committee, a report on the progress achieved in implementing the present resolution.

Resolution 64/9
Midpoint review of the implementation of the Plan of Action on Population and Poverty adopted at the Fifth Asian and Pacific Population Conference

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling that 2007 marked the fifth anniversary of the Fifth Asian and Pacific Population Conference, held in Bangkok in 2002, and of the adoption of its Plan of Action on Population and Poverty,

Noting that 2009 will mark the fifteenth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development, held in Cairo in 1994, and of the adoption of its Programme of Action,

Noting also that the Committee on Emerging Social Issues, at its third and fourth sessions, requested that the secretariat convene, preferably in 2008, a midpoint review of the implementation of the Plan of Action on Population and Poverty,

Reaffirming the centrality of the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the internationally agreed development goals,

Bearing in mind the goals and objectives related to population and development set at other major United Nations conferences and summits, including at their reviews,

Recalling the 2005 World Summit Outcome, including the commitment to achieve universal access to reproductive health by 2015,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the review and appraisal of the progress made in achieving the goals and objectives of the Programme of Action,

Taking note also of the status report on implementing the agenda of the International Conference on Population and Development in Asia and the Pacific, which provided a regional perspective on the progress made towards achieving the goals of the Programme of Action,

Taking note further of the decision of the Commission on Population and Development that the special theme of its forty-second session, to be held in 2009, will be “The contribution of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development to the internationally agreed

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58 E/ESCAP/1271, annex I.
60 See E/ESCAP/63/6 and E/ESCAP/64/13.
61 See General Assembly resolution 55/2.
62 See General Assembly resolution 60/1.
64 Implementing the ICPD Agenda: 10 Years into the Asia-Pacific Experience, A Status Report (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.04.II.F.46).
57 See paras. 131 to 155 above.
Recognizing the importance of understanding the interrelationships between population, development and poverty among national planners and policymakers and of building the capacity of government officials to integrate population issues into development planning in ways that reduce poverty, promote gender equality and empower women in attaining the Millennium Development Goals,

Noting that many countries in the Asian and Pacific region have witnessed a rapid decline in fertility and an increase in longevity, which have had far-reaching and profound effects on the age structure of the population, including population ageing, labour force shortages, increased old-age dependency ratios and high proportions of women among the elderly,

Noting also that, as a result of globalization and economic disparities, the mobility of people in the Asian and Pacific region has grown internally and internationally, impacting social and economic development in both countries of origin and destination,

Requests the Executive Secretary:

(a) To assist members and associate members in building their capacity to integrate population factors into development planning;

(b) To conduct analytical studies, compile and disseminate relevant demographic and population-related information and data with a view to identifying key demographic trends and emerging issues in the Asian and Pacific region;

(c) To convene an expert group meeting in 2008 to review the implementation of the Plan of Action on Population and Poverty, adopted at the Fifth Asian and Pacific Population Conference;

(d) To submit a progress report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Commission at its sixty-fifth session and a final report to the Commission at its sixty-eighth session.

Fifth plenary meeting
30 April 2008

Resolution 64/10

Review of the operational details of the feasibility study for the establishment of an Asian and Pacific centre for information, communications and space technology-enabled disaster management

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

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66 See paras. 124 to 129 above.