Chapter IV

RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER DECISIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION AT ITS SIXTY-FIFTH SESSION

A. Resolutions

Resolution 65/1
Implementation of the Bali Outcome Document in addressing the food, fuel and financial crises

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling the 2005 World Summit Outcome, in which the Heads of State and Government strongly reiterated their determination to ensure the timely and full realization of all internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 63/239 of 24 December 2008 on the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development: outcome document of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus,

Recalling further its resolution 64/6 of 30 April 2008 on achieving the Millennium Development Goals in the ESCAP region, in which it, inter alia, requested the Executive Secretary to assist countries in the region in achieving the Goals, in particular the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and Pacific island developing countries,

Expressing concern at the convergence of price volatility and the availability of food and fuel, the financial crisis, and climate change, which could threaten the economic and social well-being of the people of the region, as the increasing spillover effects of these crises have affected all countries in the region,

Also expressing concern about the financial crisis, which has become a global economic crisis and could complicate efforts to achieve energy and food security in the region and reduce vital investments in new and innovative technologies and infrastructure projects aimed at attaining food and energy security,

Emphasizing that, even in the circumstances of the financial crisis, countries should continue their efforts to combat climate change,

Noting with concern that the convergence of these interrelated crises could undermine the development gains of the region and negatively affect its future prospects, particularly with regard to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, Noting with appreciation the efforts of the Executive Secretary in supporting the member States in dealing with these crises through in-depth analyses, policy dialogue, advocacy and increased capacity-building activities,

Noting the convening of the High-level Regional Policy Dialogue on “The food-fuel crisis and climate change: Reshaping the Development Agenda”, organized jointly by the Government of Indonesia and the Commission and held in Bali, Indonesia, on 9 and 10 December 2008,

Taking note of the Bali Outcome Document, which sets out several areas for regional cooperation,

1. Invites the countries of the region and international and regional organizations to urgently consider the implementation, as appropriate, of the recommendations contained in the Bali Outcome Document;

2. Requests the Executive Secretary:
   (a) To continue to assist, in coordination with other international entities, taking into account their respective mandates, members and associate members, particularly the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, in implementing the recommendations contained in the Bali Outcome Document and in building their capacity to make appropriate policy responses that mitigate the impact of the economic crisis, restore growth and avoid future global shocks;
   (b) To conduct analytical studies and share experiences on improving food and energy security, on responding to the financial crisis, and on sustainable agriculture, including its climate adaptation and mitigation potentials, particularly with regard to the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States;
   (c) To convene, in coordination with international and regional organizations, including financial institutions concerned closely with the region, a regional dialogue with participation by government representatives and other experts, to discuss the progress so far achieved in the Asian and Pacific region in addressing the economic crisis and its impact on the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals by 2015 and to report on the outcome for consideration by the Commission at its sixty-sixth session;

34 See paras. 139 to 179 above.
35 General Assembly resolution 60/1 of 16 September 2005.
36 E/ESCAP/65/15/Add.1.
(d) To submit to the Commission at its sixty-sixth session a report on the progress in the implementation of the present resolution.

Fifth plenary meeting
29 April 2009

Resolution 65/2
Regional technical cooperation and capacity-building in statistics development in Asia and the Pacific

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolution 61/2 on the statute of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling also its resolution 62/10 on strengthening statistical capacity in Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling further its resolution 64/1 on the restructuring of the conference structure of the Commission, by which it re-established the Committee on Statistics as the highest-level intergovernmental body concerned with statistics in Asia and the Pacific,

Recognizing that the Committee on Statistics, which brings together all the chief statisticians from the countries and areas in Asia and the Pacific, is the recognized and appropriate regional forum to discuss and coordinate all matters related to statistics development,

Welcoming the revitalization of the Committee on Statistics,

1. Takes note of the report of the Committee on Statistics on its first session and the report of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific;

2. Requests the Executive Secretary to continue to assist members and, as appropriate, associate members in strengthening their statistical capacity, in accordance with Commission resolution 62/10;

3. Takes note of the appreciation of members and associate members for technical cooperation and capacity-building activities in statistics development in Asia and the Pacific carried out by the secretariat and the training services delivered by the Statistics Division and the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific in promoting national statistical capacity-building in the region;

4. Expresses appreciation to the members and associate members that have provided financial support to the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific;

5. Encourages members and associate members to implement paragraph 20 of the annex to Commission resolution 61/2 and, where appropriate, to increase financial support to the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific;

6. Notes that the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific will celebrate its fortieth anniversary in 2010 and encourages members and associate members to contribute to the preparations for this celebration;

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

Fifth plenary meeting
29 April 2009

Resolution 65/3

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolution 64/8 of 30 April 2008 on the regional implementation of the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action and Biwako Plus Five towards an Inclusive, Barrier-free and Rights-based Society for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific, in which, inter alia, the Commission requested the Executive Secretary to convene a high-level intergovernmental meeting to review 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,

Recalling also its resolution 59/3 of 4 September 2003 on regional implementation of the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action towards an Inclusive, Barrier-free and Rights-based Society for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific during the Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012,

Welcoming the adoption of Biwako Plus Five, which was aimed at enhancing the effective implementation of the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action over the remaining five years of the Decade,

Noting with satisfaction that, following ratification by the twentieth Government, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities entered into force on 3 May 2008, which is the most significant development achieved so far during the second Decade, 2003-2012, and that, as of 29 April 2009, many Governments that have ratified the Convention are from the Asia-Pacific region,

57 See paras. 130 to 138 above.
58 E/ESCAP/65/13.
59 E/ESCAP/65/26.

37 See paras. 115 to 129 above.
39 E/ESCAP/APDDP(2)/2.
40 See paras. 115 to 129 above.
42 E/ESCAP/APDDP(2)/2.
43 General Assembly resolution 61/106, annex I.