(d) To submit to the Commission at its sixty-sixth session a report on the progress in the implementation of the present resolution.

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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.

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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,