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Agenda item 10

Adoption of the report of the Commission

Draft decisions

I. Committee of the Whole I

Agenda item 2

Special Body on Least Developed, Landlocked Developing and Pacific Island Developing Countries

Agenda item 2 (a)

Development issues relevant to least developed countries

Draft decision 1

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the report on regional implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 (E/ESCAP/72/1).

Agenda item 2 (b)

Development issues relevant to landlocked developing countries

Draft decision 2

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the report on regional implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014-2024 (E/ESCAP/72/2).

Agenda item 2 (c)

Development issues relevant to Pacific island developing countries

Draft decision 3

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the report on support of the Commission for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in the Pacific (E/ESCAP/72/3).

Agenda item 2 (d)
Asia-Pacific Countries with Special Needs Development Report 2016

Draft decision 4

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the report on supporting the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by countries with special needs in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/72/4).

Agenda item 3
Review of issues pertinent to the subsidiary structure of the Commission, including the work of the regional institutions

Agenda item 3 (a)
Macroeconomic policy, poverty reduction and inclusive development

Draft decision 5

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission endorsed the report of the Committee on Macroeconomic Policy, Poverty Reduction and Inclusive Development on its third session (E/ESCAP/72/8).

[The report of the Governing Council of the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture on its twelfth session (E/ESCAP/72/10) is also being considered by the Working Group on Draft Resolutions.]

Draft decision 6

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the note verbale dated 19 April 2016 from the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Thailand addressed to the secretariat of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/72/9).

Draft decision 7

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the progress made in the implementation of the following resolutions (E/ESCAP/72/6):

(a) 70/1 on the implementation of the Bangkok Declaration on Regional Economic Cooperation and Integration in Asia and the Pacific;

(b) 71/2 on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 in Asia and the Pacific;

(c) 71/3 on the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014-2024;

(d) 71/5 on implementing the outcome of the Asia-Pacific High-level Consultation on Financing for Development.

Draft decision 8

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the Programme Performance Report for the biennium 2014-2015 pertinent to subprogramme 1 (E/ESCAP/72/7).

Draft decision 9

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the summary of the outcomes of the Workshop on Macroeconomic Modelling in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/72/INF/5).

**Agenda item 3 (b)
Trade and investment****Draft decision 10**

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission endorsed the report of the Committee on Trade and Investment on its fourth session (E/ESCAP/72/11).

[The report of the second meeting of the Interim Intergovernmental Steering Group on Cross-border Paperless Trade Facilitation (E/ESCAP/72/12) is also being considered by the Working Group on Draft Resolutions.]

[The report of the Governing Council of the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology on its eleventh session (E/ESCAP/72/13) and its corrigendum is also being considered by the Working Group on Draft Resolutions.]

[The report of the Governing Council of the Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization on its eleventh session (E/ESCAP/72/14) and its corrigendum is also being considered by the Working Group on Draft Resolutions.]

Draft decision 11

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the progress made in the implementation of the following resolutions (E/ESCAP/72/6):

- (a) 70/4 on promoting sustainable agricultural development in Asia and the Pacific through technology transfer;
- (b) 70/5 on strengthening regional cooperation and capacity for enhanced trade and investment in support of sustainable development;
- (c) 70/6 on the implementation of the decision of the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Meeting on a Regional Arrangement for the Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade.

Draft decision 12

The Commission took note of the Programme Performance Report for the biennium 2014-2015 pertinent to the subprogramme as contained in document E/ESCAP/72/7.

**Agenda item 3 (c)
Transport****Draft decision 13**

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the progress made in the implementation of resolution 71/6 on maritime transport connectivity for sustainable development (E/ESCAP/72/6).

Draft decision 14

The Commission took note of the Programme Performance Report for the biennium 2014-2015 pertinent to the subprogramme as contained in document E/ESCAP/72/7.

Agenda item 3 (i)
Subregional activities for development

Draft decision 15

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the report on subregional activities for development: issues and challenges related to inclusive and sustainable economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/72/24).

Draft decision 16

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission endorsed the report of the Governing Council of the Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia on its tenth session (E/ESCAP/72/25).

Draft decision 17

The Commission took note of the Programme Performance Report for the biennium 2014-2015 pertinent to the subprogramme as contained in document E/ESCAP/72/7.

II. Committee of the Whole II

Agenda item 3
Review of issues pertinent to the subsidiary structure of the Commission, including the work of the regional institutions

Agenda item 3 (d)
Environment and development

Draft decision 18

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the progress made in the implementation of resolution 70/12 on strengthening efforts on human settlements and sustainable urban development for the Asia-Pacific region (E/ESCAP/72/6).

Draft decision 19

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission endorsed the report of the Committee on Environment and Development on its fourth session (E/ESCAP/72/15).

[The report of the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development on its third session (E/ESCAP/72/16) is also being considered by the Working Group on Draft Resolutions.]

Draft decision 20

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the document on promoting regional energy connectivity in Asia and the

Pacific: challenges and opportunities for aligning the energy sector with sustainable development (E/ESCAP/72/INF/6).

Draft decision 21

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the report of the Coordinating Committee for Geoscience Programmes in East and South-East Asia (E/ESCAP/72/INF/1).

Draft decision 22

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the report of the Mekong River Commission (E/ESCAP/72/INF/2).

Draft decision 23

The Commission took note of the Programme Performance Report for the biennium 2014-2015 pertinent to the subprogramme as contained in document E/ESCAP/72/7.

Agenda item 3 (e)

Information and communications technology

Agenda item 3 (f)

Disaster risk reduction

Draft decision 24

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the report on the Asia-Pacific information superhighway: for inclusive and seamless connectivity (E/ESCAP/72/17).

Draft decision 25

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the report on building resilience to cross-border disasters (E/ESCAP/72/18).

Draft decision 26

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the progress made in the implementation of the following resolutions (E/ESCAP/72/6):

(a) 68/5 on the Asia-Pacific Years of Action for Applications of Space Technology and the Geographic Information System for Disaster Risk Reduction and Sustainable Development, 2012-2017;

(b) 69/10 on promoting regional information and communications technology connectivity and building knowledge-networked societies in Asia and the Pacific;

(c) 69/11 on the implementation of the Asia-Pacific Plan of Action for Applications of Space Technology and Geographic Information Systems for Disaster Risk Reduction and Sustainable Development, 2012-2017;

(d) 69/12 on enhancing regional cooperation for building resilience to disasters in Asia and the Pacific;

(e) 70/2 on disaster-related statistics in Asia and the Pacific;

(f) 71/11 on the establishment of the Asian and Pacific centre for the development of disaster information management.

Draft decision 27

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission endorsed the report of the Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction on its fourth session (E/ESCAP/72/19).

Draft decision 28

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission endorsed the report of the Governing Council of the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development on its tenth session (E/ESCAP/72/20) and its corrigendum.

Draft decision 29

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the report of the Typhoon Committee (E/ESCAP/72/INF/3).

Draft decision 30

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the report of the Panel on Tropical Cyclones (E/ESCAP/72/INF/4).

Draft decision 31

The Commission took note of the Programme Performance Report for the biennium 2014-2015 pertinent to the subprogramme as contained in document E/ESCAP/72/7.

Agenda item 3 (g)
Social development

Draft decision 32

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the progress made in the implementation of the following resolutions (E/ESCAP/72/6):

(a) 68/7 on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022;

(b) 69/13 on the implementation of the Ministerial Declaration on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013-2022, and the Incheon Strategy to “Make the Right Real” for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific.

Draft decision 33

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission endorsed the report of the Committee on Social Development on its fourth session (E/ESCAP/72/21).

Draft decision 34

The Commission took note of the Programme Performance Report for the biennium 2014-2015 pertinent to the subprogramme as contained in document E/ESCAP/72/7.

**Agenda item 3 (h)
Statistics****Draft decision 35**

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the progress made in the implementation of the following resolutions (E/ESCAP/72/6):

- (a) 67/11 on strengthening statistical capacity in Asia and the Pacific;
- (b) 70/2 on disaster-related statistics in Asia and the Pacific;
- (c) 71/14 on the Asian and Pacific Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Decade, 2014-2024.

Draft decision 36

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the report on the Regional Steering Group for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/72/22).

Draft decision 37

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission endorsed the report of the Governing Council of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific on its eleventh session (E/ESCAP/72/23) and its corrigendum.

Draft decision 38

The Commission took note of the Programme Performance Report for the biennium 2014-2015 pertinent to the subprogramme as contained in document E/ESCAP/72/7.

**Agenda item 4
Management issues****Agenda item 4 (a)
Report on the evaluation activities of the Commission during the biennium 2014-2015****Draft decision 39**

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the report on the evaluation activities of the Commission during the biennium 2014-2015 (E/ESCAP/72/26).

Agenda item 4 (b)
Proposed programme changes for the biennium 2016-2017

Draft decision 40

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission endorsed the proposed programme changes for the biennium 2016-2017 (E/ESCAP/72/27).

Agenda item 4 (c)
Draft strategic framework for the biennium 2018-2019

Draft decision 41

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission endorsed the proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2018-2019 (A/71/6 (Prog. 16)).

Agenda item 4 (d)
Partnerships, extrabudgetary contributions and capacity development

Draft decision 42

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the overview of partnerships, extrabudgetary contributions and capacity development (E/ESCAP/72/28), and expressed its appreciation for the following contributions pledged by members and associate members for 2017:

Agenda item 5
Activities of the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission

Draft decision 43

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the report of the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission (E/ESCAP/72/29).

Agenda item 6
Dates, venue and theme topic for the seventy-third session of the Commission (2017)

Draft decision 44

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission decided that its seventy-third session would be held in April or May 2017; the actual dates would be determined in consultation with the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission. The Commission also decided that the theme topic for its seventy-third session would be “Regional Cooperation for Energy Security” (E/ESCAP/72/30).