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ABBREVIATIONS

ACC	Administrative Committee on Coordination
ACHR	Asian Coalition for Housing Rights
ACPR	Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission
ACU	Asian Clearing Union
ADB	Asian Development Bank
AIDA	Asia Infrastructure Development Alliance
AIDS	acquired immune deficiency syndrome
ALTID	Asian land transport infrastructure development
APDC	Asian and Pacific Development Centre
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
APT	Asia-Pacific Telecommunity
ARC	Asian Reinsurance Corporation
ASEAN	Association of South East Asian Nations
ASPAT	Asia-Pacific International Trade Fair
CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States
CITYNET	Regional Network of Local Authorities for the Management of Human Settlements
CCOP	Coordinating Committee for Coastal and Offshore Geoscience Programmes in East and Southeast Asia
EBIS/Popfile	ESCAP Bibliographic Information System/Population File
ECDC-TCDC	economic and technical cooperation among developing countries
ECO	Economic Cooperation Organization
ESIS	ESCAP Statistical Information System
EU	European Union
FADINAP	ESCAP/FAO/UNIDO Fertilizer Advisory, Development and Information Network for Asia and the Pacific
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
GIS	geographic information systems
HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
HRD	human resources development
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organization
IFA	International Fertilizer Industry Association
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMO	International Maritime Organization
IOMAC	Indian Ocean Marine Affairs Cooperation
IRCA	International Railway Congress Association

ABBREVIATIONS *(continued)*

IRU	International Road Transport Union
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
ITU	International Telecommunication Union
IULA	International Union of Local Authorities
MRC	Mekong River Commission
NGOs	non-governmental organizations
OSShD	Organization of Railways Cooperation
PATA	Pacific Asia Travel Association
POPIN	Population Information Network
RICAP	Regional Inter-agency Committee for Asia and the Pacific
SAARC	South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
SOPAC	South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission
SPC	South Pacific Commission
SPREP	South Pacific Regional Environment Programme
TCDC	technical cooperation among developing countries
TCSP	Tourism Council of the South Pacific
TRISHNET	Network of Training, Research and Information Institutes on Human Settlements
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDCP	United Nations International Drug Control Programme
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
WHO	World Health Organization
WINAP	Women's Information Network for Asia and the Pacific
WTO	World Trade Organization

INTRODUCTION

1. The ESCAP secretariat submits the following draft programme of work for the period 1998-1999 to the Commission for consideration. It has been formulated within the framework of programme 15 of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001, and the Outline of the Programme Budget for 1998-1999, adopted by the General Assembly in resolutions 51/219 and 51/220 of 18 December 1996, respectively.

2. To achieve the objectives set out in section 15 of the medium-term plan, during the next biennium ESCAP will continue to focus on activities relating to three major themes: (a) the promotion of regional economic cooperation in such essential areas as trade, investment, the building up of technological capabilities, transport and infrastructure development; (b) environment and sustainable development, to contain environmental degradation and to emphasize sound management of non-renewable resources; and (c) promotion of the formulation and implementation of effective social policies, action plans and programmes aimed at alleviating poverty, enhancing the quality of life of all social groups and pursuing vigorous development of the region's human resources. Emphasis will be placed on improving the capacity of least developed, landlocked and island developing countries, integrating the economies in transition more closely into the region's dynamic development, and on international development in the economic and social fields. These activities will take fully into account the mandates of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies, and the regional strategies and action programmes in support of national and subregional capacity-building as follow-up to the recent global conferences, namely the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in 1992; the International Conference on Population and Development, held in Cairo in 1994; the United Nations Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Islands States, held in Barbados in 1994; the World Summit for Social Development, held in Copenhagen in 1995; the Fourth World Conference on Women, held in Beijing in 1995; and the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), held in Istanbul in 1996.

3. The programme of work will be implemented using an integrated approach comprising: (a) policy-oriented research and analysis, including collection and dissemination of statistical data; and (b) operational activities, with emphasis on group training and advisory services through implementation of extrabudgetary projects. Sharing of experience among members and associate members of the Commission will be promoted through the modality of technical cooperation among developing countries.

4. The secretariat will enhance its lead role in organizing meetings of heads of subregional organizations and in attaining a unified and effective United Nations system-wide approach to regional development through the Regional Inter-agency Committee for Asia and the Pacific and its subcommittees. Through the latter mechanisms, the secretariat will continue to reinforce inter-agency

collaboration with a view to pooling United Nations system resources for the formulation and implementation of technical assistance programmes to benefit countries in the region.

5. In formulating the draft programme of work for 1998-1999, the secretariat has complied with the instructions given by United Nations Headquarters, which provided an indicative amount of regular budget resources, i.e. US\$ 62,875,000 which represents a 5.3 per cent reduction from the 1996-1997 initial appropriation. Within that amount, the secretariat has been requested to set priorities in compliance with the legislative mandates and to determine, accordingly, the allocation of resources under the various subprogrammes. The Commission may note that while the draft programme of work has been formulated based on the expected resources to be made available to ESCAP, the secretariat and other offices of the United Nations are required to maintain the mandatory vacancy rate of 6.4 per cent both at the Professional and the General Service levels during the biennium 1998-1999. Major changes in the instructions, compared with the previous bienniums, include the following requirements:

(a) To provide a clear summary of the functions required for each post in the biennium 1998-1999, instead of a detailed breakdown and distribution of the staff work-months at the programme element level, as required in previous bienniums;

(b) To distinguish between publications which have been required by specific legislative mandates and those that are discretionary;

(c) To project the number of activities/services for 1998-1999 which would serve as "performance indicators". The required quantification applies to all categories, including operational activities such as advisory services and group training, and international cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison.

The classification and description of activities requested by United Nations Headquarters are explained in annex I for each output and activity. A summary table on performance indicators showing outputs proposed for the biennium 1998-1999 for 10 subprogrammes appears in annex II.

6. Given the secretariat's requirements for 1998-1999, the secretariat has proposed the abolition of 26 established posts, consisting of eight Professional, two Field Service and 16 General Service posts. Out of the 26 posts, five Professional posts are from the programme areas and others are from programme support. More established regular budget posts have been abolished from programme support to enable the secretariat to maintain its capacity to deliver mandated outputs and activities. The regular budget resource allocations by subprogramme for the biennium 1998-1999 are shown in table 1.

Table 1. Distribution of regular budget Professional posts in the programme of work

1996-1997			1998-1999		
Subprogramme	Number of RB Professional work-months	Percentage of total	Subprogramme	Number of RB Professional posts	Percentage of total
1. Regional economic cooperation	729	25.1	1. Regional economic cooperation: trade and investment	13	11.2
			2. Regional economic cooperation: research and policy analysis	9	7.8
			3. Regional economic cooperation: industry and technology	10	8.6
2. Environment and sustainable development	772	26.6	4. Environment and sustainable development	24	20.6
3. Poverty alleviation through economic growth and social development	640	22.0	5. Poverty alleviation: social development	9	7.8
			6. Poverty alleviation: rural and urban development	13	11.2
			7. Poverty alleviation: population and development	6	5.2
4. Transport and communications	425	14.6	8. Transport and communications	17	14.7
5. Statistics	192	6.6	9. Statistics	8	6.9
6. Least developed, landlocked and island developing countries	146	5.0	10. Least developed, landlocked and island developing countries	7	6.0
Total	2 904 (= 121 posts)	100	Total	116	100

7. The resource constraints that continue to affect the United Nations, and the call by Member States and the Secretary-General for more transparent accountability and responsibility, require ESCAP to be more selective than ever in the activities it will carry out and to prioritize them in accordance with the needs of the members and associate members of the Commission. This premise has served as the basis for the draft programme of work. As part of its efforts in this regard, the number of recurrent publications has been reduced from 45 titles (292 issues) in the current biennium to 41 titles (194 issues) in the next biennium. The exchange and dissemination of information will be effected more and more through electronic means rather than conventional printed forms, both to achieve cost-effectiveness and to ensure timely delivery to users.

8. The Commission will note that the draft programme of work pertaining to subprogramme 4, Environment and sustainable development and subprogramme 9, Statistics were reviewed by the respective legislative committees in October and November 1996 and approved for submission to the Commission. The activities included in subprogramme 8, Transport and communications, reflect the priorities established by the Ministerial Conference on Infrastructure, held at New Delhi in October 1996.

9. At the fifty-second session of the Commission, and in the course of the review of the conference structure of the Commission requested in resolutions 48/2 of 23 April 1992 on restructuring the conference structure of the Commission and 52/1 of 24 April 1996 on preparation for the review of the conference structure of the Commission, the issues of resource allocation and the prioritization of activities were raised by some members of the Commission. In submitting the draft programme of work to ACPR at its two hundred and twelfth session in February 1997, the secretariat made a specific request to the members of ACPR to bear those points in mind when seeking the views of their capitals on the draft programme of work. ACPR expressed the view that the details contained in the draft programme of work would assist members and associate members of the Commission in setting priorities.

10. The Commission is requested to examine the activities included in the draft programme of work, 1998-1999. It should be noted that any amendments to the draft programme of work involving additional activities that might be adopted at the forthcoming Commission session would have financial implications. The Commission's deliberations and recommendations for any changes will be communicated to United Nations Headquarters immediately upon the conclusion of its fifty-third session, so that they may be incorporated in the programme budget proposals of ESCAP for consideration by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its thirty-seventh session, to be held from 9 June to 3 July 1997.

Subprogramme 1. Regional economic cooperation: trade and investment

Overview and summary of activities

This subprogramme comprises activities related to trade and investment. Such activities had been carried out in 1996-1997 under subprogramme 1, Regional economic cooperation. The legislative authority for the activities under this subprogramme derives from subprogramme 15.1, Regional economic cooperation: trade and investment, of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001.

The focus of work under this subprogramme will be on implementing the Action Programme for Regional Economic Cooperation in Trade and Investment. The envisaged policy analyses seek to address the emerging challenges and opportunities in the region in the light of regional and global developments in order to facilitate exchange of experience and best practices through dissemination of research, and extension of technical assistance and advisory services. Emphasis will continue to be placed on issues arising from the implementation of the Uruguay Round agreements and their implications for the region. There will also be special focus on promotion of regional cooperation for enhancing trade efficiency and electronic commerce, as well as promotion of exports of developing countries with particular attention to the areas of commodities, textiles and exports of small and medium-sized enterprises. In this context, special emphasis will be devoted to the needs of the least developed, landlocked and island developing countries and the disadvantaged economies in transition. More specifically, activities will aim at assisting the least developed countries in harmonizing their trade liberalization commitments with their national priorities and realizing the full potential of their exports in areas where they have comparative advantage; the Pacific island developing countries in diversifying their trade and economic links; and the disadvantaged economies in transition, particularly of the Commonwealth of Independent States, to renew their intra-trade relations and their economic integration into the region. The proposed activities are also aimed at enhancing institutional capacity-building and strengthening networks of institutions supporting trade and investment flows, strengthening regional information services for trade and investment as well as promotion of intraregional, and interregional cooperation aimed at expansion of trade and investment flows.

The work will be carried out by the International Trade and Economic Cooperation Division under the guidance of the Committee for Regional Economic Cooperation.

Activities:

I. Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (RB)

I. Substantive servicing of meetings:

(a) Commission:

1-1-101 Plenary and committees (1998) (8 meetings: 6 plenary and 2 committee sessions)

1-1-102 Plenary and committees (1999) (8 meetings: 6 plenary and 2 committee sessions)

(b) Committee for Regional Economic Cooperation:

1-1-103 Plenary (1998) (6 meetings)

1-1-104 Plenary (1999) (6 meetings)

(c) Steering Group of the Committee for Regional Economic Cooperation:

1-1-105 Plenary (1998) (6 meetings)

1-1-106 Plenary (1999) (6 meetings)

(d) Consultative Meeting among the Executive Heads of Subregional Organizations and ESCAP:

1-1-107 Plenary (1998) (4 meetings)

1-1-108 Plenary (1999) (4 meetings)

(e) Standing Committee of the Bangkok Agreement:

1-1-109 Plenary (1998) (6 meetings)

1-1-110 Plenary (1999) (6 meetings)

2. *Parliamentary documentation:*

(a) Commission:

1-1-201 Report of the Committee for Regional Economic Cooperation (1998, 1999)

1-1-202 Report on issues related to trade and investment (1998, 1999)

(b) Committee for Regional Economic Cooperation:

1-1-203 Reports on issues related to trade and investment (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999)

(c) Steering Group of the Committee for Regional Economic Cooperation:

1-1-204 Report on issues related to trade and investment (1998, 1999)

(d) Consultative Meeting among the Executive Heads of Subregional Organizations and ESCAP:

1-1-205 Report on issues related to promotion of inter-subregional cooperation (1998, 1999)

(e) Standing Committee of the Bangkok Agreement:

1-1-206 Report (1998, 1999)

3. *Ad hoc expert groups and related preparatory work:*

1-1-301 Ad hoc expert group on institutional issues for trade facilitation and electronic commerce (1998)

1-1-302 Ad hoc expert group on regional trade and investment information networking (1999)

1-1-303 Ad hoc expert group on commodity-related issues (1998)

II. Other substantive activities (RB/XB)

1. *Mandated recurrent publications:*

1-2-101 TISNET Trade and Investment Information Bulletin (12 in 1998, 12 in 1999) (RB/XB)

1-2-102 Directory of Trade and Investment Related Organizations of Developing Countries in Asia and the Pacific, 9th edition (1999) (RB)

1-2-103 Trade Review of the Bangkok Agreement (1998, 1999) (RB)

3. *Mandated non-recurrent publications:*

- 1-2-301 Traders' manuals and guidebooks for Asia and the Pacific (3 in 1998, 3 in 1999) (RB/XB)
4. *Discretionary non-recurrent publications:*
- 1-2-401 Monograph series on studies in trade and investment (6 in 1998, 5 in 1999) (RB/XB)
5. *Electronic, audio and video issuances, including films, videotapes, radio broadcasts, tapes of news, documentary and feature programmes:*
- 1-2-501 ESCAP Homepage on Trade Facilitation Information Exchange on the World Wide Web (1998, 1999) (RB)
7. *Booklets, pamphlets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits:*
- 1-2-701 Information material on trade policy and trade promotion issues (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 1-2-702 Information material on ASPAT'99 (1999) (RB/XB)
8. *Technical material for outside users (databases, software etc.):*
- 1-2-801 Training material on electronic commerce issues with a focus on small business enterprises, for facilitating international trade in the region (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 1-2-802 Technical information in response to requests from the public and private sectors and non-governmental organizations (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 1-2-803 Training material on the Asia-Pacific Information Exchange (1998) (RB/XB)

III. International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison (RB/XB)

- 1-3-001 Collaboration with intergovernmental organizations, including WTO, ACU, ADB, ARC, ASEAN, ECO, Forum Secretariat, SAARC and SPC as well as non-governmental organizations (6 in 1998, 6 in 1999) (RB/XB)
- 1-3-002 Collaboration with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, including UNCTAD, UNDP, FAO, UNIDO and International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO, on matters related to trade and investment (3 in 1998, 3 in 1999) (RB/XB)
- 1-3-003 Collaboration with regional commissions in the areas of trade and investment in developing interregional linkages and in promoting information exchange and cooperation (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 1-3-004 Technical and substantive support to the ESCAP network on trade facilitation bodies (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 1-3-005 Technical and substantive support to regional commodity arrangements (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB)
- 1-3-006 Organization and servicing of the RICAP Subcommittee on Trade and Investment (1998, 1999) (RB)

IV. Technical cooperation (RB/XB)

1. *Advisory services at the request of the governments:*
- 1-4-101 Advisory services on strengthening trade and investment information networking: infrastructure and management (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)

2. *Group training (seminars, workshops, symposia):*

- 1-4-201 Regional seminars/workshops/symposia/expert group meetings on challenges arising from the Uruguay Round agreements, including assistance for accession of non-WTO members (4 in 1998, 3 in 1999) (RB/XB)
- 1-4-202 Regional seminars on promotion of exports of developing countries, with emphasis on least developed, landlocked and island developing countries and disadvantaged economies in transition (2 in 1998, 3 in 1999) (RB/XB)
- 1-4-203 Regional seminar on promotion of commodity trade through the use of market-based mechanisms (1999) (RB/XB)
- 1-4-204 Regional workshops on strengthening trade and investment information networking: infrastructure and management (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB/XB)
- 1-4-205 Regional/national workshops on enhancement of regional cooperation in trade facilitation and electronic commerce (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 1-4-206 Regional seminars on promotion of ECDC/TCDC and tripartite cooperation in trade and investment (1 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB/XB)
- 1-4-207 Seminars on strengthening intra-subregional cooperation and inter-subregional linkages in trade and investment (2 in 1998, 1 in 1999) (RB/XB)
- 1-4-208 Regional seminars/workshops on enhancing the international competitiveness of export-oriented small and medium-sized enterprises through promotion of sustainable development policies (2 in 1998, 1 in 1999) (RB/XB)
- 1-4-209 Interregional seminar on promotion of economic cooperation among the littoral States of the Bay of Bengal in the context of wider cooperation in the Indian Ocean basin (1999) (RB/XB)
- 1-4-210 Regional seminar on market access issues in the context of special trading arrangements (1998) (RB/XB)
- 1-4-211 Workshops on enhancing national institutional capacity and regional networks supporting trade and investment flows (2 in 1998, 4 in 1999) (RB/XB)
- 1-4-212 Seminar/symposium on promotion of interregional cooperation on issues concerning the regional and global trading and investment environment (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)

Subprogramme 2. Regional economic cooperation: research and policy analysis

Overview and summary of activities

This subprogramme comprises activities related to research and policy analysis. Such activities had been carried out in 1996-1997 under subprogramme 1, Regional economic cooperation; subprogramme 2, Environment and sustainable development, and subprogramme 3, Poverty alleviation through economic growth and social development. The legislative authority for the activities under this subprogramme derives from subprogramme 15.2, Regional economic cooperation: research and policy analysis, of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001.

The main objectives of the subprogramme are to increase understanding of the economic and social development situation in the region and to contribute to the awareness and understanding on the part of national policy makers of the constraints on sustained economic growth, poverty alleviation and the integration of environmental concerns into macroeconomic decision- and policy-making processes. Special attention will be paid to the problems of integrating the region's disadvantaged economies, such as those in transition, into the region's economic mainstream.

Documentation and substantive services will be provided to the Commission, the Committee for Regional Economic Cooperation, the Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development and the Committee on Poverty Alleviation through Economic Growth and Social Development.

Recurrent and non-recurrent publications will be prepared. Technical assistance in the areas outlined above will be formulated and implemented with the aim of translating into action the strong desires of the countries of the region to cooperate among themselves in sharing experience in practices and policies for tackling common issues.

The work will be carried out by the Development Research and Policy Analysis Division under the guidance of the Committee for Regional Economic Cooperation, the Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development and the Committee on Poverty Alleviation through Economic Growth and Social Development.

Activities:

I. Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (RB)

1. Substantive servicing of meetings:

(a) Commission:

2-1-101 Plenary and committees (1998) (8 meetings: 6 plenary and 2 committee sessions)

2-1-102 Plenary and committees (1999) (8 meetings: 6 plenary and 2 committee sessions)

(b) Committee for Regional Economic Cooperation:

2-1-103 Plenary (1998) (2 meetings)

2-1-104 Plenary (1999) (2 meetings)

(c) Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development:

2-1-105 Plenary (1998) (2 meetings)

(d) Committee on Poverty Alleviation through Economic Growth and Social Development:

2-1-106 Plenary (1998) (2 meetings)

2. *Parliamentary documentation:*

(a) Commission:

2-1-201 Report on the current economic situation and policy issues (1998,1999)

(b) Committee for Regional Economic Cooperation:

2-1-202 Report on macroeconomic developments, issues and policies (1998, 1999)

(c) Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development:

2-1-203 Report on integrating environmental considerations into economic decision-making (1998)

(d) Committee on Poverty Alleviation through Economic Growth and Social Development:

2-1-204 Report on economic growth, income distribution and poverty (1998)

3. *Ad hoc expert groups and related preparatory work:*

2-1-301 Ad hoc expert group on development issues and policies (1998, 1999)

II. Other substantive activities (RB/XB)

1. *Mandated recurrent publications:*

2-2-101 Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific (1998, 1999) (RB)

2-2-102 Asia-Pacific Development Journal (biannual) (RB)

2-2-103 Development Papers (1998, 1999) (RB)

3. *Mandated non-recurrent publications:*

2-2-301 Integrating environmental considerations into economic decision-making (1998) (RB/XB)

4. *Discretionary non-recurrent publications:*

2-2-401 Economic governance (1999) (RB/XB)

2-2-402 Macroeconomic dimensions of enhancing collaboration and cooperation among the developing economies of the region, with special reference to the economies in transition (1999) (RB/XB)

2-2-403 Economic growth, income distribution and poverty (1998) (RB/XB)

III. International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison (RB/XB)

2-3-001 Collaboration with UNCTAD, the United Nations Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis and the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, the World Bank and ADB on development issues and policies (3 in 1998, 3 in 1999) (RB/XB)

- 2-3-002 Collaboration and liaison with inter-agency committees, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in the region that are working on economic development issues, strategies and policies (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 2-3-003 Collaboration and liaison with inter-agency committees, and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in the region that are working on integrating environmental considerations into economic decision-making (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)

IV. Technical cooperation (RB/XB)

1. Advisory services at the request of the governments:

- 2-4-101 Advisory services on modelling and simulation of macroeconomic models, macroeconomic reforms and policy management in economies in transition (1999) (RB/XB)
- 2-4-102 Advisory services on integrating environmental considerations into economic decision-making (1998) (RB/XB)
- ##### *2. Group training (seminars, workshops, symposia):*
- 2-4-201 Seminar on economic governance (1999) (RB/XB)
- 2-4-202 Workshop on macroeconomic dimensions of enhancing economic collaboration and cooperation among the economies in transition (1998) (RB/XB)
- 2-4-203 Seminar on integrating environmental considerations into economic decision-making (1999) (RB/XB)
- 2-4-204 Seminar on economic growth, income distribution and poverty (1998) (RB/XB)

Subprogramme 3. Regional economic cooperation: industry and technology**Overview and summary of activities**

This subprogramme comprises activities related to industry and technology. Such activities had been carried out in 1996-1997 under subprogramme 1, Regional economic cooperation. The legislative authority for the activities under this subprogramme derives from subprogramme 15.3, Regional economic cooperation: industry and technology, of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001.

The focus of work under this subprogramme will be to assist countries in the region in policy formulation for accelerated industrial and technological development. Assistance will be rendered to strengthen national capabilities in such areas as capital flows, especially for small and medium-sized enterprises, involvement of women in manufacturing, the building up of industrial and technological infrastructure, and access to new and emerging technologies. Furthermore, the enhanced participation of the private sector will be encouraged in the development of human resources, with a focus on the creation and upgrading of industrial and technological skills; domestic and foreign direct investment; and policy formulation and review. Assistance will be provided for strengthening the capacity of national institutions in actions related to technology choice, transfer, adaptation and utilization through favourable policy frameworks and institutional mechanisms. The utilization and development of environmentally sound technologies in industries will be promoted. The proposed activities are also aimed at assisting the least developed, landlocked and island developing countries, as well as the disadvantaged economies in transition, in strengthening their national capability to design appropriate policy measures and technical assistance programmes for industrial and technological development, in order to bring these countries into the mainstream of regional economic development.

The work will be carried out by the Industry and Technology Division under the guidance of the Committee for Regional Economic Cooperation.

Activities:**I. Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (RB)***1. Substantive servicing of meetings:**(a) Commission:*

3-1-101 Plenary and committees (1998) (8 meetings: 6 plenary and 2 committee sessions)

3-1-102 Plenary and committees (1999) (8 meetings: 6 plenary and 2 committee sessions)

(b) Committee for Regional Economic Cooperation:

3-1-103 Plenary (1998) (6 meetings)

3-1-104 Plenary (1999) (6 meetings)

(c) Steering Group of the Committee for Regional Economic Cooperation:

3-1-105 Plenary (1998) (6 meetings)

3-1-106 Plenary (1999) (6 meetings)

2. Parliamentary documentation:

(a) Commission:

3-1-201 Report on issues related to industry and technology (1998, 1999)

(b) Committee for Regional Economic Cooperation:

3-1-202 Report on issues related to industry and technology (1998, 1999)

(c) Steering Group of the Committee for Regional Economic Cooperation:

3-1-203 Report on issues related to industry and technology (1998,1999)

3. *Ad hoc expert groups and related preparatory work:*

3-1-301 Ad hoc expert group on industrial complementarities and tripartite cooperation (1998)

3-1-302 Ad hoc expert group on the development and utilization of science and technology indicators in developing countries of the ESCAP region (1999)

II. Other substantive activities (RB/XB)

1. *Mandated recurrent publications:*

3-2-101 Industrial and Technological Development News for Asia and the Pacific (1998, 1999) (RB)

3-2-102 Small Industry Bulletin for Asia and the Pacific (1998, 1999) (RB)

3. *Mandated non-recurrent publications:*

3-2-301 New technologies on increased competitiveness of manufacturing industries for small and medium-sized enterprises (1998) (RB/XB)

3-2-302 Study on the utilization and development of selected environmentally sound technologies by small and medium-sized enterprises (1998) (RB)

3-2-303 Promoting regional cooperation in utilizing industrial complementarities through tripartite cooperation (1998) (RB/XB)

3-2-304 Issues and perspectives on opportunities and challenges in industrial development and restructuring (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)

3-2-305 Cooperative measures for private sector development, privatization and the enhancement of entrepreneurial capability-building (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)

3-2-306 Study on the implementation of ISO 14000 standards (1999) (RB)

4. *Discretionary non-recurrent publications:*

3-2-401 Small and medium-sized industries as vehicles for sustaining international competitiveness (1998) (RB)

3-2-402 New approaches in promoting the sustained participation of women in industrial development (1998) (RB)

3-2-403 Promoting interregional and intraregional industrial investment flows (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)

- 3-2-404 Impact of regional and global agreements on technological development and technology transfer (1999) (RB/XB)
- 3-2-405 Study on emerging issues in technological capability with a focus on the globalization of the world economy (1999) (RB/XB)
- 3-2-406 Study on strengthening the role of small and medium-sized enterprises in alleviating rural poverty (1999) (RB/XB)
- 3-2-407 Skills development requirements for industrial and technological competitiveness (1999) (RB)

III. International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison (RB/XB)

- 3-3-001 Collaboration with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, including the United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development (1998) (RB)
- 3-3-002 Organization and servicing of the RICAP Subcommittee on Industry and Technology (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB)
- 3-3-003 Technical and substantive support to the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)

IV. Technical cooperation (RB/XB)

1. Advisory services at the request of the governments:

- 3-4-101 Advisory services on policy formulation for the promotion of technology transfer and technology capability-building (2 in 1998) (RB)
- 3-4-102 Advisory services on enhancement of industrial and technological skills (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 3-4-103 Advisory services on the transfer of environmentally sound technologies (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 3-4-104 Advisory services on utilizing emerging industrial complementarities (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 3-4-105 Advisory services on promotion of intraregional and interregional private capital and investment flows for industrial development (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 3-4-106 Advisory services on the development of competitive small and medium-sized enterprises (2 in 1999) (RB)

2. Group training (seminars, workshops, symposia):

- 3-4-201 Regional/subregional workshop on new technologies for the increased competitiveness of manufacturing industries for small and medium-sized enterprises (1998) (RB/XB)
- 3-4-202 Regional/subregional workshop on the transfer of environmentally sound technologies (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 3-4-203 Workshop on regional cooperation for the sustained participation of women in manufacturing industries (1998) (RB/XB)
- 3-4-204 National workshop on promoting foreign direct industrial investment (1998) (RB/XB)
- 3-4-205 New approaches in promoting industrial complementarities and devising tripartite cooperation schemes (1998) (RB/XB)

- 3-4-206 Meeting of the network of boards of investment and chambers of commerce and industry for promoting industrial development and relocation (1998) (RB/XB)
- 3-4-207 Workshop on regional cooperation in private sector development and privatization in industry (1998) (RB/XB)
- 3-4-208 Training workshop on preparation, appraisal and evaluation of industrial investment projects for the economies in transition (1998) (RB/XB)
- 3-4-209 Regional cooperation for the adoption of ISO 14000 standards (1999) (RB/XB)
- 3-4-210 Workshop on implications of regional and global agreements on technological development and technology transfer (1999) (RB/XB)
- 3-4-211 Workshop on strengthening national capability in areas of technology transfer and management, consultancy services and standards, metrology and quality control (1999) (RB/XB)
- 3-4-212 Meeting on cooperation in the utilization of technology for the development of selected industries, particularly agro- and allied industries (1999) (RB/XB)
- 3-4-213 Regional/subregional workshop on strengthening the role of small and medium-sized enterprises to alleviate rural poverty in a liberalized economic environment (1999) (RB/XB)
- 3-4-214 Training workshop on the preparation, evaluation and appraisal of industrial projects in the least developed and landlocked countries (1999) (RB/XB)
- 3-4-215 Meeting of the Regional Forum for Promoting Policy Dialogue in Industrial Development and Restructuring (1999) (RB/XB)

Subprogramme 4. Environment and sustainable development**Overview and summary of activities**

This subprogramme comprises activities similar to those carried out in 1996-1997 under subprogramme 2, Environment and sustainable development. The legislative authority for the activities under this subprogramme derives from subprogramme 15.4, Environment and sustainable development, of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001. The main objectives of the subprogramme are to strengthen national capabilities in achieving environmentally sound and sustainable development, focusing on the integration of environment and development policy, sustainable development and management of natural resources.

The implementation, review and monitoring of the Regional Action Programme for Environmentally Sound and Sustainable Development, 1996-2000 and the recommendations contained in Agenda 21, together with the outcome of the 1997 special session of the United Nations General Assembly on the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, will form the main activities under the programme of work on the environment. Review of implementation of relevant international conventions at the regional level, strengthening regional and subregional cooperation, and identification of emerging environmental issues will be major areas of activity. Emphasis will be placed on addressing current and emerging issues related to the environment, energy resource options including rural energy supply, power system planning and management, and energy efficiency and conservation. Activities will include analytical and issue-oriented research studies, advisory services and group training. Activities in the mineral resources sector will focus on strengthening the formulation of policies and strategies in the sustainable development of land and mineral resources, including promotion of investment, application of geological aspects in land-use and urban planning, integrated marine policies, and assessment and development of non-living marine resources. Activities in the area of water resources will focus on integrated water resources development and management, protection of water resources, and water quality and water-related natural disaster reduction in line with the programme of action for sustainable development elaborated in Agenda 21. Activities in the area of space applications will aim at achieving an effective action-oriented regional approach for the implementation of the Beijing Declaration on Space Technology Applications for Environmentally Sound and Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific, the Strategy for Regional Cooperation in Space Applications for Sustainable Development, the Action Plan on Space Applications for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific, and the Regional Space Applications Programme for Environmentally Sound and Sustainable Development. The emphasis will be on technology applications to meet the challenges of natural resources and environmental management, natural disaster monitoring and sustainable development planning towards the twenty-first century.

The second Ministerial Conference on Space Applications for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific will be held in 1999 and preparations for the Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development to be held in 2000 and *State of the Environment in Asia and the Pacific*, to be issued in 2000, will be undertaken during the biennium.

Documentation and substantive servicing will be provided for the Commission, the Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development and the Ministerial Conference on Space Applications for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific. Publications will be prepared and advisory services and training activities will be organized on capacity-building.

The work will be carried out by the Environment and Natural Resources Management Division under the guidance of the Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development.

Activities:

I. Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (RB)

1. Substantive servicing of meetings:

(a) Commission:

4-1-101 Plenary and committees (1998) (8 meetings: 6 plenary and 2 committee sessions)

4-1-102 Plenary and committees (1999) (8 meetings: 6 plenary and 2 committee sessions)

(b) Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development:

4-1-103 Plenary (1998) (10 meetings)

4-1-104 Plenary (1999) (10 meetings)

(c) Ministerial Conference on Space Applications for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific:

4-1-105 Plenary (1999) (12 meetings)

(d) Intergovernmental Consultative Committee on the Regional Space Applications Programme for Sustainable Development:

4-1-106 Plenary (1998) (4 meetings)

4-1-107 Plenary (1999) (4 meetings)

2. Parliamentary documentation:

(a) Commission:

4-1-201 Report on implementation of the recommendations of the 1995 Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development and on the outcome of the 1997 special session of the United Nations General Assembly (1998)

4-1-202 Report on preparations for the Ministerial Conference on Space Applications for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific (1999)

4-1-203 Report of the Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development (1998, 1999)

4-1-204 Report on issues related to the environment and sustainable development of natural resources (1998,

1999)

(b) Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development:

4-1-205 Report on preparations for the Ministerial Conference on Space Applications for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific (1998)

4-1-206 Report on preparations for the fourth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development (1999)

4-1-207 Reports on issues related to the environment and sustainable development of natural resources (5 in 1998, 5 in 1999)

(c) Ministerial Conference on Space Applications for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific:

4-1-208 Reports on emerging issues, policy framework and a new regional action plan on space technology applications for sustainable development (4 in 1999)

3. *Ad hoc expert groups and related preparatory work:*

4-1-301 Ad hoc expert group on commercialization of renewable energy technologies and their technology transfer (1999)

4-1-302 Ad hoc expert group on policies and strategies in the sustainable development of land and mineral resources (1999)

4-1-303 Ad hoc expert group on integration of water resources management into economic and social development plans (1998)

4-1-304 Ad hoc high-level expert group in preparation for the Ministerial Conference on Space Applications for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific (1998)

II. Other substantive activities (RB/XB)

1. *Mandated recurrent publications:*

4-2-101 ESCAP/UNEP Asia-Pacific Environment Newsletter (4 in 1998, 4 in 1999) (RB/XB)

4-2-102 ESCAP Energy News (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB)

4-2-103 Energy Resources Development Series (1999) (RB)

4-2-104 Electric Power in Asia and the Pacific, 1995-1996 (1998) (RB)

4-2-105 Atlas of Mineral Resources of the ESCAP Region (1998, 1999) (RB)

4-2-106 Mineral Concentrations and Hydrocarbon Accumulations in the ESCAP Region (1999) (RB)

4-2-107 Mineral Resource Assessment, Development and Management Series (1998, 1999) (RB)

4-2-108 Atlas of Urban Geology Series (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)

4-2-109 Water Resources Journal (4 in 1998, 4 in 1999) (RB)

4-2-110 Confluence (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB)

4-2-111 Water Resources Series (1998, 1999) (RB)

4-2-112 Space Technology Applications Newsletter (4 in 1998, 4 in 1999) (RB)

4-2-113 Asian-Pacific Remote Sensing and GIS Journal (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB)

3. *Mandated non-recurrent publications:*

- 4-2-301 Implementation of the Regional Action Programme on Environmentally Sound and Sustainable Development, 1996-2000, and the outcome of the 1997 special session of the General Assembly (1998) (RB/XB)
- 4-2-302 Trade and environment (1998) (RB/XB)
- 4-2-303 Regional review of the status of implementation of relevant international environmental conventions (1999) (RB/XB)
- 4-2-304 Study on environmental pollution and national and international standards (1999) (RB/XB)
- 4-2-305 Compendium of energy conservation legislation in the Asian and Pacific region (1998) (RB/XB)
- 4-2-306 Guidelines for promotion of energy efficiency for economies in transition (1999) (RB/XB)
- 4-2-307 Development and management of non-living resources in the coastal zones of the Asian and Pacific region (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 4-2-308 Assessment of water resources and water demand by user sectors (1999) (RB)
- 4-2-309 Space technology and applications for sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific: a compendium (second edition) (1999) (RB/XB)
- 4-2-310 Environment and natural resources management using remote sensing and geographic information systems (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 4-2-311 Space technology applications for sustainable development (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 4-2-312 Advanced earth observation satellite technology applications for environment monitoring and natural resources management (1999) (RB/XB)

4. *Discretionary non-recurrent publications:*

- 4-2-401 Study on harmonization of various initiatives for promoting regional cooperation on space applications for sustainable development (1998) (RB/XB)
- 4-2-402 Spatial information infrastructure and information networking applications, including distance education (1998) (RB/XB)

5. *Electronic, audio and video issuances, including films, videotapes, radio broadcasts, tapes of news, documentary and feature programmes:*

- 4-2-501 ESCAP Homepage on Energy Resources on the World Wide Web (1998, 1999) (RB)

6. *Exhibits:*

- 4-2-601 Exhibit for World Water Day (1998, 1999) (RB)
- 4-2-602 Exhibit for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction Day (1998, 1999) (RB)
- 4-2-603 Exhibit on Space 2000 (1999) (RB/XB)

7. *Booklets, pamphlets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits:*

4-2-701 Pamphlet for World Water Day (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)

4-2-702 Pamphlet for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction Day (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)

8. *Technical material for outside users (databases, software etc.):*

4-2-801 Maintenance and update of the ESCAP Regional Information Service on Space Applications (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)

III. International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison (RB/XB)

4-3-001 Collaboration with intergovernmental organizations, including ADB, ASEAN, ECO and SAARC; NGOs; and the private sector in implementing the Regional Action Programme on Environmentally Sound and Sustainable Development, 1996-2000, and Agenda 21 and the outcome of the 1997 special session of the General Assembly (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB/XB)

4-3-002 Collaboration with intergovernmental organizations, including ADB, APDC, ASEAN, SAARC, the Mekong River Commission, CCOP, ECO, SOPAC, IOMAC, the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission's Subcommission for Western Pacific; NGOs, including CITYNET; and the private sector on matters related to sustainable development of natural resources and energy (4 in 1998, 4 in 1999) (RB/XB)

4-3-003 Collaboration with intergovernmental organizations, including ADB, the Mekong River Commission, the Committee on Earth Observation Satellites; NGOs; and the private sector on matters related to space technology applications (1998, 1999) (RB)

4-3-004 Collaboration with subregional environment programmes and national research and training centres on international conventions related to desertification control, climate change, and biodiversity (3 in 1998, 3 in 1999) (RB/XB)

4-3-005 Collaboration with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, including the Commission on Sustainable Development and the Inter-agency Subcommittee on Environment and Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific, in implementing Agenda 21 and the outcome of the 1997 special session of the General Assembly, and on follow-up to international conventions related to the environment (1998, 1999) (RB)

4-3-006 Collaboration with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, including the Committee on Natural Resources, the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and Energy for Development, ACC Subcommittee on Water Resources and Secretariat for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction, on matters related to sustainable development of natural resources and energy (2 in 1998, 1 in 1999) (RB/XB)

4-3-007 Collaboration with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, including the Office for Outer Space Affairs, UNDP and the Inter-agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities, on matters related to space technology applications (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)

4-3-008 Technical and substantive support for the Typhoon Committee (1998, 1999) (RB)

4-3-009 Technical and substantive support for the Panel on Tropical Cyclones (1998, 1999) (RB)

4-3-010 Organization and servicing of the RICAP Subcommittee on Environment and Sustainable Development (1998, 1999) (RB)

4-3-011 Organization and servicing of the RICAP Subcommittee on Water for Asia and the Pacific (1998, 1999) (RB)

- 4-3-012 Organization and servicing of the RICAP Subcommittee on Space Applications for Sustainable Development (1998, 1999) (RB)

IV. Technical cooperation (RB/XB)

1. Advisory services at the request of the governments:

- 4-4-101 Advisory services on implementation of the Regional Action Programme on Environmentally Sound and Sustainable Development, 1996-2000 (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB)
- 4-4-102 Advisory services on strengthening capacity for environmental management (2 in 1998, 1 in 1999) (RB/XB)
- 4-4-103 Advisory services on energy resource options, energy environment planning, power system and energy efficiency (4 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB/XB)
- 4-4-104 Advisory services on mineral resources assessment, mineral resources economics and legislation (2 in 1998, 1 in 1999) (RB/XB)
- 4-4-105 Advisory services on environmental geology for planning and management of land resources (1 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB/XB)
- 4-4-106 Advisory services on water resources development and management and on water-related natural disaster reduction (2 in 1998, 3 in 1999) (RB/XB)
- 4-4-107 Advisory services on space technology development and applications for environment and sustainable development (1998) (RB/XB)
- 4-4-108 Advisory services on strengthening national capabilities for integrated applications of spatial information technology for environment and natural resources management (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)

2. Group training (seminars, workshops, symposia):

- 4-4-201 Meetings on review and assessment of the Regional Action Programme on Environmentally Sound and Sustainable Development, 1996-2000 and preparations for the Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development (2 in 1999) (RB/XB)
- 4-4-202 Workshop on regional cooperation for implementation of and awareness-raising on relevant environmental conventions, including the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (1998) (RB/XB)
- 4-4-203 Subregional and national seminars on capacity-building for environmental management (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB/XB)
- 4-4-204 Workshops on energy-environment planning, new and renewable sources of energy, power system and energy efficiency promotion (4 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB/XB)
- 4-4-205 TCDC arrangements in the area of new and renewable sources of energy technology and energy efficiency promotion (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 4-4-206 Workshop on mineral resources assessment, economics and legislation (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 4-4-207 Workshop on environmental management of mineral resources development (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 4-4-208 Workshop on environmental geology and geology for land-use planning (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 4-4-209 Workshop on development and management of non-living resources in the coastal zone of the Asian and Pacific region (1999) (RB/XB)
- 4-4-210 Workshops on water resources development and management, protection of water resources and water

quality, water and sustainable development and flood loss reduction (4 in 1998, 4 in 1999) (RB/XB)

4-4-211 TCDC arrangements on water resources development management (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB/XB)

4-4-212 Training workshop on remote sensing and geographic information systems applications for land and sea resources management, including tropical ecosystem monitoring (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)

4-4-213 Meetings of regional working groups on various space applications sectors (4 in 1998, 4 in 1999) (RB/XB)

4-4-214 Seminar/symposium on space applications in implementation of the Beijing Declaration on Space Technology Applications for Environmentally Sound and Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific, Regional Strategy and Action Plan, and Regional Space Applications Programme for Environmentally Sound and Sustainable Development (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)

3. *Fellowships:*

4-4-301 Long-term fellowships on space technology applications (12-month duration) (4 in 1998, 4 in 1999) (RB/XB)

4-4-302 Medium-term fellowships on spatial informatics and applications, including remote sensing, geographic information systems and global positioning system) (3-month duration) (25 in 1999) (RB/XB)

4. *Field (country, regional, interregional) projects:*

4-4-401 Pilot research/study projects on applications of advanced earth observation satellite data for environment and natural resources management (20 in 1998-1999) (RB/XB)

Subprogramme 5. Poverty alleviation: social development

Overview and summary of activities

This subprogramme comprises activities related to social development similar to those that had been carried out in 1996-1997 under subprogramme 3, Poverty alleviation through economic growth and social development. The legislative authority for the activities under this subprogramme derives from subprogramme 15.5, Poverty alleviation: social development, of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001.

The focus of work under this subprogramme will be to assess and respond to regional trends and challenges in social policy and human resources development, with particular attention to the planning and delivery of social service and training programmes for the poor and other marginalized social groups, including youth, women, disabled persons and older persons. Activities will emphasize strengthening the capacity of the public and non-governmental sectors to develop and implement policies and programmes to enhance the productive and self-help capability of the above-mentioned groups as means of enhancing their quality of life. In undertaking this work, attention will be devoted to fostering partnerships between governments, the private sector, non-governmental organizations, and community and other participatory organizations. Priority will be given to activities in regional implementation of global mandates, including the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development and the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond. Activities will also be in pursuance of the following major regional mandates: Agenda for Action on Social Development in the ESCAP Region; Jakarta Plan of Action on Human Resources Development in the ESCAP Region; and Agenda for Action for the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 1993-2002.

The work will be carried out by the Social Development Division under the guidance of the Committee on Poverty Alleviation through Economic Growth and Social Development.

Activities:

I. Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (RB)

1. Substantive servicing of meetings:

(a) Commission:

5-1-101 Plenary and committees (1998) (8 meetings: 6 plenary and 2 committee sessions)

5-1-102 Plenary and committees (1999) (8 meetings: 6 plenary and 2 committee sessions)

(b) Committee on Poverty Alleviation through Economic Growth and Social Development:

5-1-103 Plenary (1998) (6 meetings)

5-1-104 Plenary (1999) (6 meetings)

(c) Asia-Pacific Meeting on HRD for Youth to Review the Implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond:

5-1-105 Plenary and working groups (1998) (16 meetings: 8 plenary and 8 working group sessions)

(d) Senior Officials Meeting on the Agenda for Action on Social Development in the ESCAP Region:

5-1-106 Plenary (1999) (8 meetings)

2. *Parliamentary documentation:*

(a) Commission:

5-1-201 Report of the Fifth Asian and Pacific Ministerial Conference on Social Development (1998)

5-1-202 Report on implementation of resolution 52/4 on promoting human resources development among youth in Asia and the Pacific (1998)

5-1-203 Report on implementation of resolution 51/2 on strengthening regional cooperation in human resources development in Asia and the Pacific (1999)

5-1-204 Report on issues related to social development (1998, 1999)

(b) Committee on Poverty Alleviation through Economic Growth and Social Development:

5-1-205 Report on issues related to social development (1998, 1999)

(c) Asia-Pacific Meeting on HRD for Youth to Review the Implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond:

5-1-206 Report on the regional implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond (1998)

(d) Senior Officials Meeting on the Agenda for Action on Social Development in the ESCAP Region:

5-1-207 Reports on issues related to the Agenda for Action on Social Development in the ESCAP Region (3 in 1999)

3. *Ad hoc expert groups and related preparatory work:*

5-1-301 Ad hoc expert group on the Agenda for Action on Social Development in the ESCAP Region (1999)

II. Other substantive activities (RB/XB)

1. *Mandated recurrent publications:*

5-2-101 ESCAP Human Resources Development Newsletter (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB)

5-2-102 Social Development Newsletter (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB)

3. *Mandated non-recurrent publications:*

5-2-301 Regional networking among centres of excellence for HRD (1999) (RB)

5-2-302 Youth participation indicators in Asia and the Pacific (1999) (RB)

5-2-303 HRD training curriculum for social service personnel (1999) (RB/XB)

5-2-304 HRD training manual for development of post-literacy programmes for women (1999) (RB/XB)

5-2-305 HRD training curriculum for planning and management of literacy programmes for women (1999) (RB/XB)

- 5-2-306 HRD training curriculum for youth participation in development (1999) (RB/XB)
- 5-2-307 Trainers guidelines for self-help organizations of people with disabilities (1998) (RB/XB)
- 5-2-308 Illustrated report on promotion of non-handicapping environments (1998) (RB/XB)
- 5-2-309 Guidelines for the implementation of a regional plan of action concerning older persons (1999) (RB/XB)
4. *Discretionary non-recurrent publications:*
- 5-2-401 Social aspects of international labour migration in the ESCAP region (1998) (RB/XB)
- 5-2-402 Community-based prevention of juvenile delinquency (1998) (RB/XB)
- 5-2-403 Case studies on national policies and programmes for older persons (1999) (RB/XB)
- 5-2-404 The role of the family in providing social protection (1998) (RB/XB)
- 5-2-405 Private sector collaboration in implementing the Agenda for Action on Social Development in the ESCAP Region (1999) (RB/XB)
- 5-2-406 Approaches to the targeting of poverty alleviation programmes (1999) (RB/XB)
- 5-2-407 Conceptual framework for a regional social development data bank (1999) (RB/XB)
5. *Electronic, audio and video issuances, including films, videotapes, radio broadcasts, tapes of news, documentary and feature programmes:*
- 5-2-501 ESCAP Homepage on the Decade of Disabled Persons on the World Wide Web (1998, 1999) (RB)
- 5-2-502 ESCAP Social Policy Homepage on the World Wide Web (1998, 1999) (RB)
- 5-2-503 ESCAP HRD Homepage on the World Wide Web (1998, 1999) (RB)
- 5-2-504 Videotapes on programmes in support of the Agenda for Action on Social Development in the ESCAP Region (2 in 1998) (RB/XB)
- 5-2-505 Videotapes on the ESCAP HRD Award-winners (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 5-2-506 Videotape on barrier-free environments for people with disabilities (1998) (RB/XB)
- 5-2-507 Videotape on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 1993-2002 (1999) (RB/XB)
6. *Exhibits:*
- 5-2-601 Exhibits on the ESCAP HRD Award-winners (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 5-2-602 Exhibit on implementation of the Agenda for Action on Social Development in the ESCAP Region (1999) (RB/XB)
7. *Booklets, pamphlets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits:*
- 5-2-701 Brochures on the ESCAP HRD Award (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 5-2-702 Information kits and booklets on the ESCAP HRD Award-winners (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB)
- 5-2-703 Fact sheets on national HRD situations in Asia and the Pacific (25 in 1998) (RB)

5-2-704 Information materials in connection with the Senior Officials Meeting on the Agenda for Action on Social Development in the ESCAP Region (1999) (RB/XB)

5-2-705 Information materials to mark the International Year of Older Persons (1999) (RB/XB)

8. *Technical material for outside users (databases, software etc.):*

5-2-801 ESCAP database on centres of excellence for HRD (1998, 1999) (RB)

5-2-802 ESCAP database on the International Year of Older Persons (1999) (RB)

9. *Special events:*

5-2-901 Presentation ceremony for the ESCAP HRD Award (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)

III. International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison (RB/XB)

5-3-001 Collaboration with intergovernmental organizations, including ADB, ASEAN, ECO, SAARC and SPC, and NGOs on follow-up of the Agenda for Action on Social Development in the ESCAP Region and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development (3 in 1998, 3 in 1999) (RB/XB)

5-3-002 Collaboration with intergovernmental organizations, including ASEAN, ECO, SAARC and SPC, and NGOs in implementing the Jakarta Plan of Action on Human Resources Development in the ESCAP Region (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)

5-3-003 Collaboration with intergovernmental organizations and NGOs, including the Commonwealth Youth Programme, the Asian Youth Council and the Pacific Youth Council, in implementing the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)

5-3-004 Collaboration with national centres of excellence for HRD in developing training materials for social service personnel (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB/XB)

5-3-005 Collaboration with intergovernmental organizations and NGOs on matters related to the Decade of Disabled Persons (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB/XB)

5-3-006 Collaboration with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, including the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, UNICEF, UNDP, UNDCP, ILO and WHO, on follow-up of the Agenda for Action of Social Development in the ESCAP Region and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB/XB)

5-3-007 Collaboration with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, including ILO, UNESCO and WHO, in implementing the Jakarta Plan of Action on Human Resources Development in the ESCAP Region (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)

5-3-008 Collaboration with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, including the United Nations Youth Unit/the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, UNICEF, UNFPA, ILO, UNESCO and WHO, in regional follow-up of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)

5-3-009 Collaboration with UNESCO in promoting literacy training for women (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)

5-3-010 Collaboration with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, including the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, UNICEF, ILO and WHO, on matters related to the Decade of Disabled Persons (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB/XB)

- 5-3-011 Collaboration with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, including the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, ILO and WHO, on matters related to the International Year of Older Persons (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 5-3-012 Organization and servicing of the RICAP Subcommittee on Disability (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB)
- 5-3-013 Organization and servicing of the RICAP Subcommittee on HIV/AIDS (1998, 1999) (RB)

IV. Technical cooperation (RB/XB)

1. Advisory services at the request of the governments:

- 5-4-101 Advisory services on implementation of the Agenda for Action on Social Development in the ESCAP Region and regional follow-up of the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development (3 in 1998, 3 in 1999) (RB/XB)
- 5-4-102 Advisory services on implementation of the Jakarta Plan of Action on Human Resources Development in the ESCAP Region (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB/XB)
- 5-4-103 Advisory services on enhancement of youth skills and promotion of youth participation in development (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB)
- 5-4-104 Advisory services on design and implementation of national youth policy frameworks (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB)
- 5-4-105 Advisory services on implementation of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 1993-2002 (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB/XB)
- 5-4-106 Advisory services on preparations for and observance of the International Year of Older Persons (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)

2. Group training (seminars, workshops, symposia):

- 5-4-201 Regional workshop on strengthening the role of the family in providing social protection (1998) (RB/XB)
- 5-4-202 Regional workshop on a conceptual framework for a social development data bank (1999) (RB/XB)
- 5-4-203 Meetings on major social issues and programmes (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 5-4-204 Meetings of the Jury for the ESCAP HRD Award (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 5-4-205 Meetings on critical HRD issues (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 5-4-206 Subregional ESCAP HRD courses for social service personnel from centres of excellence in South Asia and Indo-China (2 in 1999) (RB/XB)
- 5-4-207 Subregional evaluation workshop for promoting HRD for women in South Asia through post-literacy programme development (1999) (RB/XB)
- 5-4-208 Subregional evaluation workshops for promoting HRD for women through literacy training in the Pacific and Indo-China (2 in 1999) (RB/XB)
- 5-4-209 ESCAP HRD course for social work personnel dealing with sexually abused and sexually exploited youth in the Greater Mekong subregion (1999) (RB/XB)
- 5-4-210 National ESCAP HRD courses for social service personnel from centres of excellence (4 in 1999) (RB/XB)
- 5-4-211 National ESCAP HRD courses for youth work personnel in transitional and least developed countries (3

in 1998, 3 in 1999) (RB/XB)

5-4-212 Training workshops on enhancing self-help capabilities of disadvantaged groups (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB/XB)

5-4-213 Regional seminars on emerging social issues related to disadvantaged groups (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB/XB)

5-4-214 Regional consultation on a draft regional plan of action concerning older persons in the ESCAP region (1998) (RB/XB)

3. *Fellowships:*

5-4-301 ESCAP HRD Award (1998, 1999) (XB)

Subprogramme 6. Poverty alleviation: rural and urban development

Overview and summary of activities

This subprogramme comprises activities related to rural and urban development similar to those that had been carried out in 1996-1997 under subprogramme 2, Environment and sustainable development; and subprogramme 3, Poverty alleviation through economic growth and social development. The legislative authority under this subprogramme derives from subprogramme 15.6, Poverty alleviation: rural and urban development, of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001.

The focus of the work under this subprogramme will be to assess and strengthen the regional issues and capabilities of grass-roots institutions in rural and urban development; and the promotion of policies and programmes on increased gender equality. Analyses of the national and regional poverty situation will aim to improve conditions of the target groups through farm and off-farm employment creation and access of the poor to land, credit and other productive assets. Activities will emphasize increasing the capacity of governmental and non-governmental organizations to develop innovative ways of rural and urban poverty alleviation, and support food security at the rural household levels. It will promote proper use of agro-chemicals to achieve sustainable agricultural development as well as augment food supply. Assistance will be provided to promote policies and programmes to enable women to play an active role as both agents and beneficiaries of development. Activities will also be pursued as a follow-up to the Jakarta Declaration and Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women in Asia and the Pacific and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action; and the Regional Action Plan on Urbanization and the Habitat Agenda.

The work will be carried out by the Rural and Urban Development Division under the guidance of the Committee on Poverty Alleviation through Economic Growth and Social Development.

Activities:

I. Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (RB)

I. Substantive servicing of meetings:

(a) Commission:

6-1-101 Plenary and committees (1998) (8 meetings: 6 plenary and 2 committee sessions)

6-1-102 Plenary and committees (1999) (8 meetings: 6 plenary and 2 committee sessions)

(b) Committee on Poverty Alleviation through Economic Growth and Social Development:

6-1-103 Plenary (1998) (6 meetings)

6-1-104 Plenary (1999) (6 meetings)

(c) Ministerial Conference on Urbanization in Asia and the Pacific:

6-1-105 Plenary (1998) (10 meetings)

2. *Parliamentary documentation:*

(a) Commission:

- 6-1-201 Reports on issues related to rural and urban development (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999)
- 6-1-202 Report on implementation of resolution 52/3 on follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women (1998, 1999)

(b) Committee on Poverty Alleviation through Economic Growth and Social Development:

- 6-1-203 Report on issues related to rural and urban development (1998, 1999)
- 6-1-204 Report on implementation of the Regional Action Plan on Urbanization and the Habitat Agenda (1999)

(c) Ministerial Conference on Urbanization in Asia and the Pacific:

- 6-1-205 Reports on issues related to urbanization (5 in 1998)

3. *Ad hoc expert groups and related preparatory work:*

- 6-1-301 Ad hoc expert group on the review of implementation of the Jakarta Declaration and Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women in Asia and the Pacific and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1998) (RB)

II. Other substantive activities (RB/XB)

1. *Mandated recurrent publications:*

- 6-2-101 Newsletter on Poverty Alleviation Initiatives (4 in 1998, 4 in 1999) (RB)
- 6-2-102 Agro-Chemicals News in Brief (6 in 1998, 6 in 1999) (RB/XB)
- 6-2-103 Fertilizer Trade Information Monthly Bulletin (12 in 1998, 12 in 1999) (RB/XB)
- 6-2-104 WINAP Newsletter (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB)

2. *Discretionary recurrent publications:*

- 6-2-201 Update of Statistical Compendium on Women in Asia and the Pacific (1999) (RB/XB)
- 6-2-202 Update of Directory of National Machineries for Women in Asia and the Pacific (1999) (RB/XB)
- 6-2-203 Compendium of inter-agency work programmes on rural poverty alleviation, 1998-1999 (1998) (RB)

4. *Discretionary non-recurrent publications:*

- 6-2-401 Capability-building to alleviate rural poverty under economic adjustments (1998) (RB)
- 6-2-402 Strengthening of credit institutions for rural poverty alleviation (1998) (RB/XB)
- 6-2-403 Country profiles on plant nutrient sector development (2 in 1998, 1 in 1999) (RB/XB)
- 6-2-404 Emerging urban issues (1999) (RB)
- 6-2-405 Revised Regional Action Plan on Urbanization (1999) (RB)

- 6-2-406 Innovative approaches to urban governance (1998) (RB)
- 6-2-407 Monograph series on emerging issues on women in development in Asia and the Pacific (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB/XB)
- 5. *Electronic, audio and video issuances, including films, videotapes, radio broadcasts, tapes of news, documentary and feature programmes:*
- 6-2-501 ESCAP Homepage on Human Settlements on the World Wide Web (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 6-2-502 ESCAP Homepage on Women in Development on the World Wide Web (1998, 1999) (RB)
- 7. *Booklets, pamphlets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits:*
- 6-2-701 Promotional material for the Ministerial Conference on Urbanization in Asia and the Pacific (1998) (RB)
- 6-2-702 Information kits on the Beijing Platform for Action (4 in 1998) (RB/XB)
- 8. *Technical material for outside users (databases, software etc.):*
- 6-2-801 FADI bibliographic database (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 6-2-802 DRCT database - sources of plant nutrient-related information with special reference to Asia and the Pacific (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 6-2-803 Numeral database on the food and fertilizer sector (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 6-2-804 Maintenance and updating of databases on human settlements projects and human settlements experts in the region (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB/XB)
- 6-2-805 Maintenance and updating of database of non-governmental organizations on women in the ESCAP region (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)

III. International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison (RB/XB)

- 6-3-001 Collaboration with intergovernmental organizations, including the Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific, and NGOs on matters related to agriculture and rural development (1998, 1999) (RB)
- 6-3-002 Collaboration with intergovernmental organizations and NGOs, including ACHR, CITYNET, IULA and TRISHNET, in implementing the Regional Action Plan on Urbanization and the Habitat Agenda (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 6-3-003 Collaboration with intergovernmental organizations, including ASEAN, SAARC and SPC, development banks and NGOs in implementing the Jakarta Declaration and Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women in Asia and the Pacific and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 6-3-004 Collaboration with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, including the ACC Subcommittee on Rural Development, on matters related to rural development (1998, 1999) (RB)
- 6-3-005 Collaboration with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, including the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), in implementing the Regional Action Plan on Urbanization and the Habitat Agenda (1998, 1999) (RB)
- 6-3-006 Collaboration with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies in the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB)
- 6-3-007 Technical and substantive support to the Regional Coordination Centre for Research and Development of Coarse Grains, Pulses, Roots and Tuber Crops in the Humid Tropics of Asia and the Pacific (1998, 1999)

(RB/XB)

6-3-008 Organization and servicing of IFA/FADINAP regional conference on plant nutrients for Asia and the Pacific (1998, 1999) (XB)

6-3-009 Organization and servicing of the RICAP Subcommittee on Urbanization (1998, 1999) (RB)

6-3-010 Organization and servicing of the RICAP Subcommittee on the Advancement of Women (1998, 1999) (RB)

IV. Technical cooperation (RB/XB)

1. Advisory services at the request of the governments:

6-4-101 Advisory services on policy issues on use of plant nutrient and increasing food production (6 in 1998, 6 in 1999) (RB/XB)

6-4-102 Information management advisory missions on agro-chemicals (3 in 1998, 3 in 1999) (RB/XB)

6-4-103 Advisory services on fertilizer marketing and pricing policy (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB/XB)

6-4-104 Advisory services on implementation of the Regional Action Plan on Urbanization and the Habitat Agenda (4 in 1998 and 4 in 1999) (RB/XB)

6-4-105 Advisory services on implementation of the Jakarta Declaration and Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women in Asia and the Pacific and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (4 in 1998, 3 in 1999) (RB/XB)

2. Group training (seminars, workshops, symposia):

6-4-201 Meeting in preparation for the Ministerial Conference on Urbanization in Asia and the Pacific (1998) (RB/XB)

6-4-202 National/regional workshops on target group-oriented policies and programmes for rural poverty alleviation, including programmes on rural women and disadvantaged economies (5 in 1998, 1 in 1999) (RB/XB)

6-4-203 Participatory group activities and employment promotion through market-oriented projects (16 in 1998, 16 in 1999) (RB/XB)

6-4-204 Promotion of ECDC-TCDC activities for rural poverty alleviation (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)

6-4-205 Workshop on integrated pest management in rural poverty alleviation (1998) (RB/XB)

6-4-206 Workshop on economic aspects of non-chemical crop protection (1999) (RB/XB)

6-4-207 Workshops on policy analysis on food security, rural credit and rural institutions (7 in 1999) (RB/XB)

6-4-208 Workshops on environmentally friendly plant nutrition concepts (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB/XB)

6-4-209 Workshops on fertilizer marketing training (2 in 1998, 1 in 1999) (RB/XB)

6-4-210 Seminar on fertilizer policy issues (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)

6-4-211 Workshops on plant nutrition surveys (2 in 1998) (RB/XB)

- 6-4-212 Regional Urban Forum (1998) (RB/XB)
- 6-4-213 Workshop on emerging urban issues (1999) (RB/XB)
- 6-4-214 Workshop on innovative approaches to urban governance (1998) (RB/XB)
- 6-4-215 Seminar on poverty alleviation for women (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 6-4-216 Seminar on women's rights, violence against women and trafficking (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 6-4-217 Seminar on enhancing women's participation in decision-making and governance (1998) (RB/XB)
- 6-4-218 Training workshop on enhancement of women's information network through modern information technology (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)

Subprogramme 7. Poverty alleviation: population and development**Overview and summary of activities**

This subprogramme comprises activities related to population similar to those that had been carried out in 1996-1997 under subprogramme 3, Poverty alleviation through economic growth and social development. The legislative authority for the activities under this subprogramme derives from subprogramme 15.7, Poverty alleviation: population and development, of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001.

The activities under this subprogramme will focus on technical cooperation and research in the areas of ageing, female migration and reproductive health. The activities also include preparation of publications including the *Asia-Pacific Population Journal* and *ESCAP Population Data Sheet*, advisory services and training in the field of population information. Priority will be given to activities in regional implementation of both global and regional mandates, namely the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the recommendations of the Bali Declaration on Population and Sustainable Development.

The work will be carried out by the Population Division under the guidance of the Committee on Poverty Alleviation through Economic Growth and Social Development.

Activities:**I. Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (RB)***1. Substantive servicing of meetings:**(a) Commission:*

7-1-101 Plenary and committees (1998) (8 meetings: 6 plenary and 2 committee sessions)

7-1-102 Plenary and committees (1999) (8 meetings: 6 plenary and 2 committee sessions)

(b) Committee on Poverty Alleviation through Economic Growth and Social Development:

7-1-103 Plenary (1998) (6 meetings)

7-1-104 Plenary (1999) (6 meetings)

*2. Parliamentary documentation:**(a) Commission:*

7-1-201 Report of the Committee on Poverty Alleviation through Economic Growth and Social Development (1998, 1999)

7-1-202 Report on issues related to population and development (1998, 1999)

(b) Committee on Poverty Alleviation through Economic Growth and Social Development:

7-1-203 Report on issues related to population and development (1998, 1999)

3. *Ad hoc expert groups and related preparatory work:*

7-1-301 Ad hoc expert group on appropriate technology for accessing population information (1998)

7-1-302 Ad hoc expert group on globalization and population change (1999)

II. Other substantive activities (RB/XB)

1. *Mandated recurrent publications:*

7-2-101 Asia-Pacific Population Journal (quarterly) (RB)

4. *Discretionary non-recurrent publications:*

7-2-401 Family support and community services for the benefit of older persons (3 in 1998, 3 in 1999) (RB/XB)

7-2-402 Strengthening performance monitoring and evaluation for reproductive health and family planning programmes (1999) (RB/XB)

7-2-403 Female migration, employment, family formation and poverty (1998) (RB/XB)

7-2-404 Globalization and population change (1999) (RB/XB)

5. *Electronic, audio and video issuances, including films, videotapes, radio broadcasts, tapes of news, documentary and feature programmes:*

7-2-501 ESCAP Population Homepage on the World Wide Web (1998, 1999) (RB)

7. *Booklets, pamphlets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits:*

7-2-701 Population data sheet (1998, 1999) (RB)

8. *Technical material for outside users (databases, software etc.):*

7-2-801 POPIN data bank products and services within the framework of the EBIS/Popfile and ESIS database management system (12 in 1998) (RB/XB)

7-2-802 POPIN telecommunications products and services (4 in 1998, 4 in 1999) (RB/XB)

III. International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison (RB)

7-3-001 Collaboration with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies on matters related to population and development (1998, 1999) (RB)

7-3-002 Collaboration with NGOs on matters related to population and development (1998, 1999) (RB)

7-3-003 Organization and servicing of the RICAP Subcommittee on Population and Development (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB)

7-3-004 Organization and servicing of the RICAP Subcommittee on Poverty Alleviation (1998, 1999) (RB)

IV. Technical cooperation (RB/XB)

1. Advisory services at the request of the governments:

7-4-101 Advisory services on implementation of the Bali Declaration on Population and Sustainable Development and the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB)

7-4-102 Advisory services on reproductive health and family planning (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB)

7-4-103 Advisory services on population information development (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB)

2. Group training (seminars, workshops, symposia):

7-4-201 Regional conference on the family and older persons (1998) (RB/XB)

7-4-202 Regional seminar on monitoring and evaluation systems for reproductive health and family planning (1998) (RB/XB)

7-4-203 Policy seminar on female migration, employment, family formation and poverty (1998) (RB/XB)

7-4-204 POPIN workshop on technology information management (1998) (RB/XB)

7-4-205 Population information technology workshop (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)

7-4-206 POPIN consultative workshop (1998) (RB/XB)

7-4-207 Population information repackaging workshop (1999) (RB/XB)

Subprogramme 8. Transport and communications

Overview and summary of activities

This subprogramme comprises activities similar to those that had been carried out in 1996-1997 under subprogramme 4, Transport and communications. The legislative authority for the activities under this subprogramme derives from subprogramme 15.8, Transport and communications, of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001.

The focus of the work under this subprogramme will be to implement activities under the regional action programme of the New Delhi Action Plan on Infrastructure Development in Asia and the Pacific, prioritized and endorsed by the Ministerial Conference on Infrastructure held in New Delhi in October 1996. These activities are aimed at improving the planning process in developing infrastructure facilities and services at all levels, as well as the efficiency of its administration, management and operation in the countries of the region. Efforts will be made to enhance private sector involvement in national infrastructure development through financing, management, operations and risk-sharing, with a view to accelerating the provision of infrastructure required to sustain the economic and social growth processes. Development of interregional and intraregional transport linkages to enhance international trade and tourism will be undertaken through the implementation of the Asian land transport infrastructure development (ALTID) project. To facilitate integrated land-cum-sea transport, activities on freight forwarding and multimodal transport will be undertaken through close cooperation with other international organizations. With a view to increasing safety and safe working practices in transport and communication operations and to reducing the adverse environmental impact of the provision of infrastructure facilities and services to acceptable levels, assistance will be provided to member countries in promoting the safe transport of passengers and goods, particularly hazardous goods, while maintaining a clean environment, and implementing environmental impact assessments in relation to infrastructure development and operation. Assistance will also be provided to developing countries in promoting more equitable spatial distribution of economic activities and easier access to social amenities with the aim of alleviating poverty in the region. Activities will also be aimed at improving policies for planning tourism development, strengthening national capabilities in the development of human resources in the tourism sector and, in particular, tourism marketing; minimizing the environmental impact of tourism, and promoting tourism investment and facilitation of travel.

The work will be carried out by the Transport, Communications and Tourism Division under the guidance of the Committee on Transport and Communications.

Activities:

I. Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (RB)

1. Substantive servicing of meetings:

(a) Commission:

8-1-101 Plenary and committees (1998) (8 meetings: 6 plenary and 2 committee sessions)

8-1-102 Plenary and committees (1999) (8 meetings: 6 plenary and 2 committee sessions)

(b) Committee on Transport and Communications:

8-1-103 Plenary (1999) (10 meetings)

2. *Parliamentary documentation:*

(a) Commission:

8-1-201 Report of the Committee on Transport and Communications (1998)

8-1-202 Report on issues related to transport and communications (1999)

8-1-203 Report on implementation of resolution 52/9 on Intra-Asia and Asia-Europe land bridges and the New Delhi Action Plan on Infrastructure Development in Asia and the Pacific (1998)

8-1-204 Report on implementation of the New Delhi Action Plan on Infrastructure Development in Asia and the Pacific (1999)

(b) Committee on Transport and Communications:

8-1-205 Report on implementation of the New Delhi Action Plan on Infrastructure Development in Asia and the Pacific (1999)

8-1-206 Reports on issues related to transport and communications (4 in 1999)

8-1-207 Report on issues related to tourism (1999)

II. Other substantive activities (RB/XB)

1. *Mandated recurrent publications:*

8-2-101 Transport and Communications Bulletin for Asia and the Pacific (1998, 1999) (RB)

8-2-102 ESCAP Tourism Review (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)

8-2-103 ESCAP Tourism Newsletter (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB/XB)

2. *Discretionary recurrent publications:*

8-2-201 Infrastructure Newsletter for Asia and the Pacific (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB/XB)

3. *Mandated non-recurrent publications:*

8-2-301 Road network in North-East Asia (1999) (RB/XB)

8-2-302 Subregional Asian Highway route map (1999) (RB/XB)

8-2-303 Development of the Trans-Asian Railway (1999) (RB/XB)

8-2-304 Development of Asia-Europe rail container transport through block trains (1999) (RB/XB)

8-2-305 Review of regional/subregional agreements on land transport routes (1998) (RB/XB)

8-2-306 Road safety action plan (1998) (RB/XB)

8-2-307 Environmentally friendly energy for transport (1998) (RB/XB)

8-2-308 Methodologies for minimizing the environmental costs of damage caused by road transport (1999) (RB/XB)

8-2-309 Guidelines on a comprehensive and integrated approach to policy development in the field of infrastructure, traffic and transport for sustainable environment, mobility and access (1998) (RB/XB)

- 8-2-310 Integrated approach to urban transport planning (1998) (RB/XB)
- 8-2-311 Inter-island shipping: issues and strategies (1998) (RB/XB)
- 8-2-312 Framework for the development of shipping policies (1998) (RB/XB)
- 8-2-313 Policy issues for expansion of sustainable tourism development (1999) (RB/XB)
- 8-2-314 Promotion of tourism along the Asian Highway (1998) (RB/XB)
- 8-2-315 Guidelines on integrated tourism planning (1998) (RB/XB)

4. *Discretionary non-recurrent publications:*

- 8-2-401 Infrastructure pricing (1998) (RB/XB)
- 8-2-402 Role of inland waterways within an integrated transport system (1999) (RB/XB)
- 8-2-403 Training-of-trainers manual on participatory planning of rural infrastructure (1998) (RB/XB)
- 8-2-404 Marketing the railway product in the Asian and Pacific region (1998) (RB/XB)

5. *Electronic, audio and video issuances, including films, videotapes, radio broadcasts, tapes of news, documentary and feature programmes:*

- 8-2-501 ESCAP Homepage on the New Delhi Action Plan on Infrastructure Development in Asia and the Pacific on the World Wide Web (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 8-2-502 ESCAP Homepage on the Asia Infrastructure Development Alliance on the World Wide Web (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 8-2-503 ESCAP Homepage on Maritime Transport Information on the World Wide Web (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)

8. *Technical material for outside users (databases, software etc.):*

- 8-2-801 ESCAP database on infrastructure in the Asian and Pacific region (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 8-2-802 Refining and updating of software for planning infrastructure facilities and services (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)

III. International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison (RB/XB)

- 8-3-001 Collaboration with intergovernmental organizations, including ADB, APEC, APT, ASEAN, ECO, EU, Forum Secretariat, MRC, OSShD and SAARC in implementing the New Delhi Action Plan on Infrastructure Development in Asia and the Pacific (6 in 1998, 5 in 1999) (RB)
- 8-3-002 Collaboration with the United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, including other regional commissions, UNCTAD, UNEP, ILO, ICAO, ITU, IMO and UNIDO in implementing the New Delhi Action Plan on Infrastructure Development in Asia and the Pacific (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 8-3-003 Collaboration with non-governmental organizations, including the Global Infrastructure Fund, IRCA, IRU and the World Development Council in implementing the New Delhi Action Plan on Infrastructure Development in Asia and the Pacific (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)

- 8-3-004 Collaboration with the private sector, including the Asia Infrastructure Development Alliance, in implementing the New Delhi Action Plan on Infrastructure Development in Asia and the Pacific (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB)
- 8-3-005 Collaboration with the World Tourism Organization, MRC, PATA, TCSP and other tourism-related organizations on tourism development activities (1 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB)
- 8-3-006 Organization and servicing of the RICAP Subcommittee on Infrastructure Development in Asia and the Pacific (1998, 1999) (RB)

IV. Technical cooperation (RB/XB)

1. Advisory services at the request of the governments:

- 8-4-101 Advisory services on prospects for shipping and port development (1998) (RB/XB)
- 8-4-102 Advisory services on implementation of a comprehensive and integrated approach to policy development in the field of infrastructure, traffic and transport for sustainable environment, mobility and access (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 8-4-103 Advisory services on participatory planning of rural infrastructure (1998) (RB/XB)
- 8-4-104 Advisory services on promotion of private sector participation in infrastructure development (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 8-4-105 Advisory services on multimodal transport, freight forwarding and facilitation of maritime traffic (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 8-4-106 Advisory services on transport of dangerous goods (1998) (RB/XB)
- 8-4-107 Advisory services on financial economic planning of infrastructure and project investment (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 8-4-108 Advisory services on strengthening national capabilities in tourism development (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)

2. Group training (seminars, workshops, symposia):

- 8-4-201 Seminars/workshops on transport infrastructure development and facilitation (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 8-4-202 Country-level workshops on road maintenance (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 8-4-203 Training workshops on implementation of a comprehensive and integrated approach to policy development in the field of infrastructure, traffic and transport for sustainable environment, mobility and access (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 8-4-204 Regional seminar on infrastructure pricing (1999) (RB/XB)
- 8-4-205 Seminar on networking of centres of excellence in infrastructure (1998) (RB/XB)
- 8-4-206 Symposium on private sector involvement in infrastructure development (1998) (RB/XB)
- 8-4-207 Subregional seminar on participatory planning of rural infrastructure (1998) (RB/XB)
- 8-4-208 Training workshops on integration of non-motorized transport in the urban transport system (1998) (RB/XB)
- 8-4-209 Training seminar on transport of dangerous goods (1998) (RB/XB)
- 8-4-210 Workshop on financial economic planning and evaluation of inland waterways transport projects (1998) (RB/XB)

- 8-4-211 Seminar on tourism planning and development (1999) (RB/XB)
- 8-4-212 Meetings on promotion of tourism in the Greater Mekong subregion (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)
- 8-4-213 Regional meeting on promotion of cooperation among tourism training institutes and organizations (1999) (RB/XB)
- 8-4-214 Regional seminar on facilitation of travel (1998) (RB/XB)

Subprogramme 9. Statistics**Overview and summary of activities**

This subprogramme comprises activities similar to those that had been carried out in 1996-1997 under subprogramme 5, Statistics. The legislative authority for the activities under this subprogramme derives from subprogramme 15.9, Statistics, of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001.

The focus of work under this subprogramme will be to organize group training and provide advisory services in priority areas, including national accounts statistics and other economic statistics, gender statistics, population censuses and surveys, environment statistics and accounting, and management of statistical services. Those activities will be implemented in coordination with relevant global, regional and subregional statistical entities.

The growing competence of the membership in contributing to statistical capability-building will be taken into account in the modalities of regular and extrabudgetary activities. Regional-level coordination will be undertaken for the development, revision, testing and implementation of selected international statistical standards and, where necessary, their adaptation to meet the conditions and needs of the countries of the region.

Comparable socio-economic statistics will be disseminated through modern recurrent publications and off-line and on-line electronic media. The use of electronic technology will be increased in the acquisition of data with the aim of improving the timeliness and accuracy of published statistics and of reducing the response burden of reporting statistical offices. The ESCAP Statistical Information System will be improved in line with industry standards and as an integral part of the ESCAP overall information system. Senior-level public decision makers will be trained in effective management of information technology, including strategic policy formulation.

The work will be carried out by the Statistics Division under the guidance of the Committee on Statistics.

Activities:**I. Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (RB)***I. Substantive servicing of meetings:***(a) Commission:**

9-1-101 Plenary and committees (1998) (8 meetings: 6 plenary and 2 committee sessions)

9-1-102 Plenary and committees (1999) (8 meetings: 6 plenary and 2 committee sessions)

(b) Committee on Statistics:

9-1-103 Plenary (1998) (10 meetings)

2. *Parliamentary documentation:*

(a) Commission:

9-1-201 Report on issues related to statistics (1998)

9-1-202 Report of the Committee on Statistics (1999)

(b) Committee on Statistics:

9-1-203 Report of the Working Group of Statistical Experts (1998)

9-1-204 Report on selected issues on statistical development (1998)

9-1-205 Report on issues in computerization in the public sector (1998)

9-1-206 Report on an integrated presentation of work programmes on statistics in the region (1998)

9-1-207 Report on activities of the secretariat since the tenth session of the Committee (1998)

3. *Ad hoc expert groups and related preparatory work:*

9-1-301 Working Group Meeting of Statistical Experts (1999)

II. Other substantive activities (RB/XB)

1. *Mandated recurrent publications:*

9-2-101 Statistical Newsletter (4 in 1998, 4 in 1999) (RB)

9-2-102 Government Computerization Newsletter (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB)

9-2-103 Statistical Yearbook for Asia and the Pacific (1998, 1999) (RB)

9-2-104 Foreign Trade Statistics of Asia and the Pacific (1998, 1999) (RB)

9-2-105 Statistical Indicators for Asia and the Pacific (4 in 1998, 4 in 1999) (RB)

9-2-106 Asia-Pacific in Figures (1998, 1999) (RB)

2. *Discretionary recurrent publications:*

9-2-201 Newsletter on information technology applications in population statistics (2 in 1998, 1 in 1999) (RB/XB)

4. *Discretionary non-recurrent publications:*

9-2-401 Methodological guidelines on statistics (2 in 1998, 1 in 1999) (RB/XB)

5. *Electronic, audio and video issuances, including films, videotapes, radio broadcasts, tapes of news, documentary and feature programmes:*

9-2-501 ESCAP Homepage on Statistics on the World Wide Web (1998, 1999) (RB)

6. *Exhibits:*

9-2-601 Exhibit for the Committee on Statistics (1998) (RB)

7. *Booklets, pamphlets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits:*

9-2-701 Wall chart on general/thematic statistics (1998, 1999) (RB)

8. *Technical material for outside users (databases, software etc.):*

9-2-801 Data disseminated on electronic media (CD-ROM, diskettes etc.) (1998, 1999) (RB)

9-2-802 Operation and maintenance of the ESCAP Statistical Information System (ESIS) (1998, 1999) (RB)

9-2-803 Responses to ad hoc requests from outside users for statistical information (1998, 1999) (RB)

III. International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison (RB/XB)

9-3-001 Collaboration with intergovernmental organizations outside the United Nations system, including the East-West Center and South Pacific Commission (1 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB)

9-3-002 Collaboration with non-governmental organizations, including the International Statistical Institute (1999) (RB)

9-3-003 Collaboration with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, including the United Nations Statistical Commission and Working Group, regional conferences of statisticians and FAO Asia-Pacific Commission on Agricultural Statistics (2 in 1998, 1 in 1999) (RB/XB)

9-3-004 Collaboration with the ACC Subcommittee on Statistical Activities (1 in 1998, 1 in 1999) (RB)

9-3-005 Technical and substantive support to UNFPA Country Support Teams in the region (3 in 1998, 3 in 1999) (RB/XB)

9-3-006 Technical and substantive support to the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (1998, 1999) (RB)

IV. Technical cooperation (RB/XB)

1. *Advisory services at the request of the governments:*

9-4-101 Advisory services on statistics on gender issues and other aspects of socio-economic statistics and indicators (5 in 1998) (RB/XB)

9-4-102 Advisory services on statistical organization and management, and application of information technology, including in the public sector (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)

2. *Group training (seminars, workshops, symposia):*

9-4-201 Regional/subregional workshops on population and social statistics, including the follow-up to global social conferences (2 in 1998) (RB/XB)

9-4-202 Regional/subregional workshops on economic statistics, including national accounts (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB/XB)

9-4-203 Regional/subregional workshops on environmental statistics and accounting (2 in 1998, 1 in 1999) (RB/XB)

9-4-204 Regional/subregional workshops on statistical organization and management, and application of information technology, including in the public sector (2 in 1999) (RB/XB)

Subprogramme 10. Least developed, landlocked and island developing countries

Overview and summary of activities

This subprogramme comprises activities similar to those that had been carried out in 1996-1997 under subprogramme 6, Least developed, landlocked and island developing countries. The legislative authority for the activities under this subprogramme derives from subprogramme 15.10, Least developed, landlocked and island developing countries, of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001.

The focus of work under this subprogramme will be to highlight trends and emerging problems, draw the attention of policy makers to priority concerns and improve the capacity of least developed, landlocked and island developing countries to integrate more closely into the dynamic regional development as well as into the international economy. Particular attention will be given to supporting their efforts at economic reform and more efficient resource mobilization and use, as well as to securing greater participation in the growing intraregional flows of investment. Priority will be given to activities in regional implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s and the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island States. Human resources development, especially developing the skills of public officials in the areas of macroeconomic policy formulation, will be emphasized.

Documentation and substantive services will be provided to the Commission on Sustainable Development, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the Special Body on Least Developed and Landlocked Developing Countries, and the Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries. Non-recurrent publications will be prepared. Technical assistance in the areas outlined will be rendered with a view to translating into action the strong desire of the countries of the region to cooperate among themselves by sharing experience in practices and policies to tackle common issues.

The work will be carried out by the Development Research and Policy Analysis Division and the ESCAP Pacific Operations Centre under the guidance of the Special Bodies on Least Developed and Landlocked Developing Countries and on Pacific Island Developing Countries.

Activities:

I. Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (RB)

I. Substantive servicing of meetings:

(a) Commission:

10-1-101 Plenary and committees (1998) (8 meetings: 6 plenary and 2 committee sessions)

10-1-102 Plenary and committees (1999) (8 meetings: 6 plenary and 2 committee sessions)

10-1-103 Informal meeting on least developed countries, Pacific island developing countries, and economies in transition (1998, 1999)

(b) Special Body on Least Developed and Landlocked Developing Countries:

10-1-104 Plenary (4 meetings) (1999)

(c) Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries:

10-1-105 Plenary (4 meetings) (1999)

2. *Parliamentary documentation:*

(a) Commission on Sustainable Development:

10-1-201 Report on follow-up to the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (1998)

(b) Commission:

10-1-202 Report on issues related to least developed, landlocked and island developing countries (1998)

10-1-203 Report of the Special Body on Least Developed and Landlocked Developing Countries (1999)

10-1-204 Report of the Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries (1999)

(c) Special Body on Least Developed and Landlocked Developing Countries:

10-1-205 Reports on issues related to least developed and landlocked developing countries (2 in 1999)

(d) Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries:

10-1-206 Reports on issues related to Pacific island developing countries (2 in 1999)

II. Other substantive activities (RB/XB)

3. *Mandated non-recurrent publications:*

10-2-301 Review of implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s (1999) (RB/XB)

10-2-302 Enhancing cooperation in trade and investment between Pacific island countries and economies of East and South-East Asia (1998) (RB/XB)

10-2-303 Options for exchange rate policy in least developed countries (1999) (RB/XB)

III. International cooperation and inter-agency coordination and liaison (RB/XB)

10-3-001 Collaboration with UNCTAD on follow-up to the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s (1998, 1999) (RB)

10-3-002 Collaboration with the Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis and SPREP on follow-up to the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (1998) (RB)

10-3-003 Collaboration with the Forum Secretariat and the South Pacific Commission on matters related to Pacific island developing countries (1998) (RB)

IV. Technical cooperation (RB/XB)

1. Advisory services at the request of the governments:

10-4-101 Advisory services on macroeconomic policy and related institution-building in least developed countries (1998, 1999) (RB/XB)

10-4-102 Advisory services on promotion of sustainable development in small island developing States (2 in 1998, 2 in 1999) (RB)

2. Group training (seminars, workshops, symposia):

10-4-201 Workshop on enhancing cooperation in trade and investment between Pacific island countries and economies of East and South-East Asia (1998) (RB/XB)

10-4-202 Workshop on options for exchange rate policy in least developed countries (1998) (RB/XB)

10-4-203 Seminar on the review of implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s (1999) (RB/XB)

ANNEXES

Annex I

TYPES OF ACTIVITIES ^{a/}

I. SERVICING OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND EXPERT BODIES

1. Substantive servicing of meetings

Organization and substantive servicing of legislative and other intergovernmental meetings, relating to the implementation of the ESCAP programme of work. A three-hour meeting is counted as one output.

2. Parliamentary documentation

Reports and substantive documents prepared by the secretariat on the topics dealt with in legislative and other intergovernmental meetings organized by the secretariat.

3. Ad hoc expert groups and related preparatory work

Organization and servicing of meetings of experts from outside the United Nations system, to assist the secretariat in the identification of emerging developmental issues and in the formulation of development strategies towards that end. Reports and substantive documents are prepared by the secretariat on the topic to be dealt with at the meeting, as a basis for the discussions.

II. OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ACTIVITIES

1. Mandated recurrent publications

Publications (studies, reports, statistical compilation, bulletins etc.) requested by intergovernmental bodies and issued by the secretariat with a periodicity specified in the secretariat's publications programme. (e.g. the annual *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific*).

2. Discretionary recurrent publications

Publications produced at the initiative of the secretariat with a periodicity specified in the secretariat's publications programme.

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^{a/} For each output, the source of funding is required to be indicated as follows:

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| (RB) | Regular budget manpower resources and regular budget funds will be utilized for delivery of output; |
| (RB/XB) | Regular budget manpower resources and extrabudgetary funds will be utilized for delivery of output; |
| (XB) | Extrabudgetary manpower resources (i.e. project personnel or expert on non-reimbursable loan) and extrabudgetary funds will be utilized for delivery of output. |

3. Mandated non-recurrent publications

Publications requested by intergovernmental bodies, and included in the secretariat's publications programme, but which do not appear regularly.

4. Discretionary non-recurrent publications

Publications produced at the initiative of the secretariat and included in the secretariat's publications programme, but which do not appear regularly.

5. Electronic, audio and video issuances, including films, videotapes, radio broadcasts, tapes of news, documentary and feature programmes

Audio/visual materials to promote the work of the Commission, inclusive of homepage in the Internet.

6. Exhibits

Exhibitions to create greater awareness of specific work of the Commission, or to commemorate an event of the Commission.

7. Booklets, pamphlets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits

Public information materials to disseminate specific data and information, or to promote the work of the Commission.

8. Technical material for outside users

Database and computer software etc. for which there is an established external mailing list for wide circulation.

9. Special events

Includes an award ceremony (e.g. the annual HRD Award) or a special commemorative event (e.g. Anniversary of the United Nations and ESCAP).

III. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION AND LIAISON

Organization of and participation by the secretariat in United Nations system-wide activities; participation by the secretariat in activities of intergovernmental bodies outside the United Nations system; non-governmental organizations; funds, programmes and agencies of the United Nations system; and Administrative Committee on Coordination and its subsidiary machinery.

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IV. TECHNICAL COOPERATION

1. Advisory services

Provision of short-term advisory services in response to ad hoc requests from developing member and associate member Governments to deal with specific development problems.

2. Group training

Specialized training seminars, workshops, study tours and symposia organized by the secretariat for the development of human resources at policy-making, planning and management or operational levels.

3. Fellowships

Financial assistance provided by the secretariat to individuals from developing member and associate member countries in the region to participate in training courses organized by external organizations.

Grant of money given to individuals or organizations for meritorious service to undertake further research/training in an area or areas of interest to the Commission.

4. Field projects

Projects designed to test and operationalize new approaches to overcome development problems or to meet development needs, often in the form of a pilot project at the country level.

Annex II

Summary table on "Performance Indicators"

Outputs proposed for the biennium 1998-1999 by 10 subprogrammes

Subprogramme	Sub1	Sub2	Sub3	Sub4	Sub5	Sub6	Sub7	Sub8	Sub9	Sub10	TOTAL
I. SERVICING OF INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AND EXPERT BODIES	77	32	48	82	64	53	36	36	34	32	494
1. Substantive servicing of meetings: <i>a/</i>	60	24	40	56	52	38	28	26	26	24	374
2. Parliamentary documentation:	14	6	6	22	11	14	6	10	7	8	104
3. Ad hoc expert groups and related preparatory work:	3	2	2	4	1	1	2	0	1	0	16
II. OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ACTIVITIES	53	12	20	77	77	84	41	41	43	3	451
1. Mandated recurrent publications:	27	8	4	47	8	48	8	8	26	0	184
2. Discretionary recurrent publications:	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	4	3	0	10
3. Mandated non-recurrent publications:	6	1	8	15	9	0	0	15	0	3	57
4. Discretionary non-recurrent publications:	11	3	8	2	7	12	9	4	3	0	59
5. Electronic, audio and video issuances, including films, videotapes, radio broadcasts, tapes of news, documentary and feature programmes:	1	0	0	2	12	4	2	6	2	0	29
6. Exhibits:	0	0	0	5	3	0	0	0	1	0	9
7. Booklets, pamphlets, fact sheets, wall charts, information kits:	3	0	0	4	33	5	2	0	2	0	49
8. Technical material for outside users (databases, software etc.):	5	0	0	2	3	12	20	4	6	0	52
9. Special events:	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
III. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND INTER-AGENCY COORDINATION AND LIAISON	28	10	7	37	40	22	10	24	17	4	199
IV. TECHNICAL COOPERATION	40	6	28	126	59	108	20	31	18	9	445
1. Advisory services at the request of the governments:	2	2	12	27	24	37	12	13	7	6	142
2. Group training (seminars, workshops, symposia):	38	4	16	46	33	71	8	18	11	3	248
3. Fellowships:	0	0	0	33	2	0	0	0	0	0	35
4. Field projects:	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	20

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