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### **Cooperation between the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and other United Nations and regional and subregional organizations serving Asia and the Pacific**

*The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,*

*Recalling* Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/46 on further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolution 32/197 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system,

*Recalling further* Commission resolutions 64/1 on the restructuring of the conference structure of the Commission and 66/15 on the strengthening of the evaluation function of the secretariat of the Commission,

*Recognizing* the valuable work of the United Nations, specifically that of the secretariat of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, and its partners in the Asian and Pacific region,

*Reaffirming* its role as the main economic and social development forum in Asia and the Pacific within the United Nations system to: (a) promote economic and social development through regional and subregional cooperation and integration; (b) further contribute to the formulation and promotion of development assistance activities and projects commensurate with the needs and priorities of the region; (c) provide inputs for global policymaking processes; and (d) participate in the implementation of relevant policy and programme decisions taken by United Nations organizations,

*Mindful* of the current economic environment affecting most of Asia and the Pacific, and recalling the 2005 World Summit Outcome,<sup>1</sup> in which it is stated that United Nations bodies should develop good cooperation and coordination in the common endeavour of building a more effective United Nations,

*Noting* the importance of an inclusive, transparent and effective multilateral system, as enshrined in General Assembly resolution 65/94 on the United Nations in global governance,

*Cognizant* that it is critical that the existing limited resources of the Commission be targeted based on greatest need and aligned with recipient goals and priorities, including the realization of the Millennium Development Goals by 2015, by ensuring that the United Nations system delivers as effectively as possible,

*Taking note* of the efforts made towards United Nations system-wide coherence as reflected in General Assembly resolution 62/277, including initiatives aimed at improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the United Nations development system,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 64/289, in particular paragraph 22 in which the Assembly acknowledged efforts by developed countries to increase resources for development, including commitments by some developed countries to increase official development assistance, and called for the fulfilment of all official development assistance commitments, including the commitments by many developed countries to achieve the target of 0.7 per cent of gross national income for official development assistance by 2015 and to reach at least 0.5 per cent of gross national income for official development assistance by 2010, as well as the target of 0.15 per cent to 0.20 per cent for least developed countries,

1. *Encourages* member States that have not yet done so to make concrete efforts in accordance with their commitments as contained in paragraph 22 of General Assembly resolution 64/289;

2. *Invites* member States to provide extrabudgetary funding should any additional resources be required to implement this resolution;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to:

(a) Assess the manner in which the secretariat carries out its mandate and coordinates its work with regional and subregional organizations operating in Asia and the Pacific, and describe the functioning, decision-making and results of the regional coordination mechanism, including how the secretariat leverages synergies and other efficiencies that could serve as a model for coordination;

(b) Consult with member States, including with the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission, and present the results to the Commission as part of the biennial reporting on the secretariat's evaluation activities, beginning with the sixty-eighth session of the Commission and continuing in future biennial reports.

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<sup>1</sup> See General Assembly resolution 60/1.