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Theme topic for the sixty-eighth session:

“Enhancing regional economic integration
in Asia and the Pacific”

Draft resolution

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Connectivity for energy security

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolution 67/2 on promoting regional cooperation for enhanced energy security and the sustainable use of energy in Asia and the Pacific,

Taking note of the Secretary-General’s initiative “Sustainable Energy for All”,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 65/151, in which the Assembly decided to declare 2012 the International Year of Sustainable Energy for All,

Recognizing the need to optimize the use of energy resources by analysing the potential to address that need with a view to establishing and developing a more stable and efficient energy production and consumption system that contributes towards sustainable development and enhanced energy security,

Taking note of the theme study for the sixty-eighth session of the Commission,^{1,2}

Welcoming the ongoing efforts of Governments to promote subregional and regional cooperation on the interconnection of energy transmission systems,

¹ *Growing Together: Economic Integration for an Inclusive and Sustainable Asia-Pacific Century* (ST/ESCAP/2629).

² See also E/ESCAP/68/22.

1. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to identify options, in consultation with member States, that member States may choose on regional energy connectivity, including an intergovernmental framework that could be developed for an integrated regional power grid, which could be termed as the “Asian Energy Highway”, to analyse the socioeconomic and environmental benefits of each option as well as the challenges and opportunities towards the realization of each option, and to report on each option to the Asian and Pacific Energy Forum, which will be held in the Russian Federation in May 2013;

2. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its seventieth session on the progress in the implementation of the present resolution.
