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## **Draft report**

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1. The Commission had before it the report of the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission (ACPR) (E/ESCAP/67/17). In his capacity as Rapporteur of the Advisory Committee, the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to ESCAP presented the highlights of the activities of the Committee during the past year.
2. Representatives of the following countries made statements: Indonesia; Pakistan; and Russian Federation.
3. Since the sixty-sixth session of the Commission, ACPR had held five regular sessions, one retreat and eight meetings of the Informal Working Group on Draft Resolutions.
4. A key focus of the work of ACPR during the period under review had been to consider the major achievements of the sixty-sixth session of the Commission, including the adoption of 15 resolutions, in particular resolution 66/1, known as the Incheon Declaration.
5. The Advisory Committee had also considered other aspects of the sixty-sixth session, including the convening of the Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries in its elevated status as an integral part of the Commission session.
6. The Advisory Committee had provided comments regarding the draft programme of work of ESCAP for the biennium 2012-2013 as well as suggestions for changes, which had been presented to the Commission (see E/ESCAP/67/14, annex).

7. On the midterm review of the functioning of the conference structure of the Commission, ACPR had considered background information, including a discussion paper, on the implementation of Commission resolution 64/1 on the restructuring of the conference structure, and provided the secretariat with feedback and comments. ACPR members had provided additional views during the ACPR retreat, during which 39 participants from 23 member States had taken part in further informal discussions, which were summarized in E/ESCAP/67/15.

8. Taking into consideration the recommendations made during the discussions on the midterm review of the conference structure, the Commission noted the importance of ACPR as a channel for members of the Commission to participate effectively in, and contribute to, the implementation by the secretariat of the decisions of the Commission.

9. The Commission also noted that ACPR had continued effectively fulfilling its role of providing the Executive Secretary with advice and maintaining close cooperation and dialogue between the members and the secretariat; in that regard, the ACPR retreat had played a significant role in strengthening the partnership among ACPR members. The Executive Secretary was encouraged to continue to organize such activities in support of the work of the secretariat in meeting the challenges faced by the region.