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### Adoption of the report of the Commission

#### Draft report

#### Organization of the seventy-second session of the Commission

##### A. Attendance and organization of work

1. The seventy-second session was held at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok from 15 to 19 May 2016.

2. The session was attended by representatives of the following members and associate members:

##### *Members*

Afghanistan  
Armenia  
Australia  
Azerbaijan  
Bangladesh  
Bhutan  
Brunei Darussalam  
Cambodia  
China  
Democratic People's Republic of Korea  
Fiji  
France  
India  
Indonesia  
Iran (Islamic Republic of)  
Japan  
Kazakhstan  
Kiribati  
Lao People's Democratic Republic  
Malaysia  
Marshall Islands  
Mongolia  
Myanmar  
Nepal  
Pakistan  
Papua New Guinea

Philippines  
Republic of Korea  
Russian Federation  
Samoa  
Singapore  
Solomon Islands  
Sri Lanka  
Tajikistan  
Thailand  
Timor-Leste  
Tonga  
Turkey  
Turkmenistan  
Tuvalu  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
United States of America  
Uzbekistan  
Vanuatu  
Viet Nam

*Associate members*

Cook Islands  
Hong Kong, China  
Macao, China

3. By virtue of rule 3 of the Commission's rules of procedure, representatives of Mexico, Portugal and Switzerland attended. Representatives of the Asia-Pacific Development Center on Disability, the Holy See, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and the Sovereign Military Order of Malta also attended.

4. The following intergovernmental organizations attended as observers: Asia-Pacific Telecommunity; Asian Development Bank; Conference on Interaction and Confidence-building Measures in Asia; Coordinating Committee for Geoscience Programmes in East and South-East Asia; Economic Cooperation Organization; ESCAP/WMO Typhoon Committee; Eurasian Economic Commission; International Organization for Migration; Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development; Shanghai Cooperation Organization; South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation; and WMO/ESCAP Panel on Tropical Cyclones.

5. Representatives of the following offices of the United Nations Secretariat attended: Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and Regional Commissions New York Office.

6. Representatives of the following United Nations bodies attended: Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS; United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification; United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction; United Nations Environment Programme; and Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

7. Representatives of the following specialized agencies were present in a consultative capacity: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; International Civil Aviation Organization; International Maritime Organization; International Telecommunication Union; United Nations Industrial Development Organization; and World Health Organization.

8. Observers were present from the following non-governmental organizations: Associated Country Women of the World; Baha'i International Community; Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations; International Planned Parenthood Federation; International Federation of Business and Professional Women; Organization of the Families of Asia and the Pacific; Pan-Pacific and South-East Asia Women's Association of Thailand; and World Association for Small and Medium Enterprises.

9. The list of participants is available from [www.unescap.org/commission/list-of-participants](http://www.unescap.org/commission/list-of-participants).

10. In accordance with rule 13 of its rules of procedure, the Commission elected Mr. Qohir Rasulzoda (Tajikistan) as Chair of the seventy-second session.

11. Following its past practice, the Commission decided to elect the heads of delegations participating at ministerial level as Vice-Chairs:

Mr. Abdul Sattar Murad (Afghanistan)  
 Mr. Robert Harutyunyan (Armenia)  
 Mr. Sahib Mammadov (Azerbaijan)  
 Mr. Damcho Dorji (Bhutan)  
 Mr. Ly Thuch (Cambodia)  
 Mr. Qian Hongshan (China)  
 Mr. Inia B. Seruiratu (Fiji)  
 Mr. R. Chidambaram (India)  
 Mr. Seyed Hamid Pourmohammadi Gelsefidi (Islamic Republic of Iran)  
 Mr. Masakazu Hamachi (Japan)  
 Mr. Yerzhan Ashikbayev (Kazakhstan)  
 Mr. Teuea Toatu (Kiribati)  
 Mr. Kikeo Chanthabury (Lao People's Democratic Republic)  
 Mr. Gankhuyag Damba (Mongolia)  
 Mr. Rana Tanveer (Pakistan)  
 Mr. Cho Tae-yul (Republic of Korea)  
 Mr. Lakshman Senevirathne (Sri Lanka)  
 Mr. Ilyosiddin Kamolitdinov (Tajikistan)  
 Mr. Anantaporn Kanjanarat (Thailand)  
 Mr. Annadurdy Kosayev (Turkmenistan)  
 Mr. Maatia Toafa (Tuvalu)  
 Mr. Nguyen Quoc Dung (Viet Nam)

12. The senior officials segment of the session met in two Committees of the Whole. The following officers were elected:

(a) Committee of the Whole I

Chair: Ms. Amatlain Kabua (Marshall Islands)  
 Vice-Chairs: Mr. Kim Young-jun (Republic of Korea)  
 Mr. Kham-Inh Kitchadeth  
 (Lao People's Democratic Republic)

(b) Committee of the Whole II

Chair: Ms. Saida Muna Tasneem (Bangladesh)  
 Vice-Chairs: Mr. K.A. Vimalenthirarajah (Sri Lanka)  
 Mr. Yondon Manlaibayar (Mongolia)

13. The Commission also constituted the Working Group on Draft Resolutions to consider the draft resolutions submitted during the session. Mr. Kirill Mikhailovich Barsky (Russian Federation) was elected Chair and Mr. Khaga Nath Adhikari (Nepal) was elected Vice-Chair of the Working Group.

## **B. Agenda**

14. The Commission adopted the following agenda:

### **Senior officials segment**

1. Opening of the session:
  - (a) Opening addresses;
  - (b) Election of officers;
  - (c) Adoption of the agenda.
2. Special Body on Least Developed, Landlocked Developing and Pacific Island Developing Countries:
  - (a) Development issues relevant to least developed countries;
  - (b) Development issues relevant to landlocked developing countries;
  - (c) Development issues relevant to Pacific island developing countries;
  - (d) Asia-Pacific Countries with Special Needs Development Report 2016;
  - (e) Other matters.
3. Review of issues pertinent to the subsidiary structure of the Commission, including the work of the regional institutions:
  - (a) Macroeconomic policy, poverty reduction and inclusive development;
  - (b) Trade and investment;
  - (c) Transport;
  - (d) Environment and development;
  - (e) Information and communications technology;
  - (f) Disaster risk reduction;
  - (g) Social development;
  - (h) Statistics;
  - (i) Subregional activities for development.
4. Management issues:
  - (a) Report on the evaluation activities of the Commission during the biennium 2014-2015;
  - (b) Proposed programme changes for the biennium 2016-2017;
  - (c) Draft strategic framework for the biennium 2018-2019;
  - (d) Partnerships, extrabudgetary contributions and capacity development.

5. Activities of the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission.
6. Dates, venue and theme topic for the seventy-third session of the Commission (2017).

#### **Ministerial segment**

7. Policy issues for the Asia-Pacific region:
  - (a) Key challenges to inclusive and sustainable economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific;
  - (b) Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2016.
8. Theme topic for the seventy-second session of the Commission: “Science, technology and innovation for sustainable development”.
9. Other matters.
10. Adoption of the report of the Commission.

### **C. Opening of the session**

#### **Senior officials segment**

15. The senior officials segment was opened by the Executive Secretary on 15 May 2016. The Executive Secretary delivered a welcome statement.

#### **Ministerial segment**

16. The Chair of the seventy-first session, Mr. Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama (Fiji), presided over the opening session of the ministerial segment of the seventy-second session on 17 May 2016. The Executive Secretary delivered the message of the Secretary-General as well as her welcome and policy address. Mr. Anantaporn Kanjanarat, Minister of Energy of Thailand, delivered the inaugural address on behalf of the Government of Thailand.

17. A special high-level dialogue on regional economic cooperation and integration was held. The high-level dialogue was attended by Mr. Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama, Prime Minister of Fiji; Mr. Qohir Rasulzoda, Prime Minister of Tajikistan; Mr. Maatia Toafa, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance of Tuvalu; Mr. Seyed Hamid Pourmohammadi Gelsefidi, Deputy Vice-President for Production Affairs, Management and Planning Organization of the Islamic Republic of Iran; Mr. Robert Harutyunyan, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Armenia; Mr. Sahib Mammadov, Deputy Minister of Economy of Azerbaijan; Mr. Yerzhan Ashikbayev Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan; Mr. Timur Suleimenov, Eurasian Economic Commission; and Mr. Bambang Susantono, Vice-President for Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development, Asian Development Bank.

### **D. Adoption of the report of the Commission**

18. The report of the Commission was adopted at its sixth plenary meeting on 19 May 2016.