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Agenda item 10

### Adoption of the report of the Commission

#### Draft decisions

##### Agenda item 2

##### Special Body on Least Developed, Landlocked Developing and Pacific Island Developing Countries

##### Agenda item 2 (a)

##### Development issues relevant to least developed countries

##### Draft decision 72/1

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the report on regional implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 (E/ESCAP/72/1).

##### Agenda item 2 (b)

##### Development issues relevant to landlocked developing countries

##### Draft decision 72/2

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the report on regional implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014-2024 (E/ESCAP/72/2).

##### Agenda item 2 (c)

##### Development issues relevant to Pacific island developing countries

##### Draft decision 72/3

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the report on support of the Commission for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in the Pacific (E/ESCAP/72/3).

##### Agenda item 2 (d)

##### Asia-Pacific Countries with Special Needs Development Report 2016

##### Draft decision 72/4

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the report on supporting the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by countries with special needs in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/72/4).

**Agenda item 3**

**Review of issues pertinent to the subsidiary structure of the Commission, including the work of the regional institutions**

**Draft decision 72/5**

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the summary of progress made in the implementation of the Commission resolutions (E/ESCAP/72/6).

**Draft decision 72/6**

The Commission took note of the programme performance report for the biennium 2014-2015 (E/ESCAP/72/7).

**Agenda item 3 (a)**

**Macroeconomic policy, poverty reduction and inclusive development**

**Draft decision 72/7**

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission endorsed the report of the Committee on Macroeconomic Policy, Poverty Reduction and Inclusive Development on its third session (E/ESCAP/72/8).

**Draft decision 72/8**

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the note verbale dated 19 April 2016 from the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Thailand addressed to the secretariat of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/72/9).

**Draft decision 72/9**

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the summary of the outcomes of the Workshop on Macroeconomic Modelling in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/72/INF/5).

**Agenda item 3 (b)**

**Trade and investment**

**Draft decision 72/10**

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission endorsed the report of the Committee on Trade and Investment on its fourth session (E/ESCAP/72/11).

**Agenda item 3 (d)**

**Environment and development**

**Draft decision 72/11**

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission endorsed the report of the Committee on Environment and Development on its fourth session (E/ESCAP/72/15).

**Draft decision 72/12**

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the document on promoting regional energy connectivity in Asia and the Pacific: challenges and opportunities for aligning the energy sector with sustainable development (E/ESCAP/72/INF/6).

**Draft decision 72/13**

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the report of the Coordinating Committee for Geoscience Programmes in East and South-East Asia (E/ESCAP/72/INF/1).

**Draft decision 72/14**

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the report of the Mekong River Commission (E/ESCAP/72/INF/2).

**Agenda item 3 (e)****Information and communications technology****Agenda item 3 (f)****Disaster risk reduction****Draft decision 72/15**

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the report on the Asia-Pacific information superhighway: for inclusive and seamless connectivity (E/ESCAP/72/17).

**Draft decision 72/16**

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the report on building resilience to cross-border disasters (E/ESCAP/72/18).

**Draft decision 72/17**

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission endorsed the report of the Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction on its fourth session (E/ESCAP/72/19).

**Draft decision 72/18**

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission endorsed the report of the Governing Council of the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development on its tenth session (E/ESCAP/72/20 and Corr.1).

**Draft decision 72/19**

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the report of the Typhoon Committee (E/ESCAP/72/INF/3).

**Draft decision 72/20**

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the report of the Panel on Tropical Cyclones (E/ESCAP/72/INF/4).

**Agenda item 3 (g)**  
**Social development**

**Draft decision 72/21**

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission endorsed the report of the Committee on Social Development on its fourth session (E/ESCAP/72/21).

**Agenda item 3 (h)**  
**Statistics**

**Draft decision 72/22**

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the report of the Regional Steering Group for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/72/22).

**Draft decision 72/23**

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission endorsed the report of the Governing Council of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific on its eleventh session (E/ESCAP/72/23 and Corr.1).

**Agenda item 3 (i)**  
**Subregional activities for development**

**Draft decision 72/24**

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the report on subregional activities for development: issues and challenges related to inclusive and sustainable economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/72/24).

**Draft decision 72/25**

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission endorsed the report of the Governing Council of the Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia on its tenth session (E/ESCAP/72/25).

**Agenda item 4**  
**Management issues**

**Agenda item 4 (a)**  
**Report on the evaluation activities of the Commission during the biennium 2014-2015**

**Draft decision 72/26**

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the report on the evaluation activities of the Commission during the biennium 2014-2015 (E/ESCAP/72/26).

**Agenda item 4 (b)**  
**Proposed programme changes for the biennium 2016-2017**

**Draft decision 72/27**

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission endorsed the proposed programme changes for the biennium 2016-2017 (E/ESCAP/72/27).

**Agenda item 4 (c)**  
**Draft strategic framework for the biennium 2018-2019**

**Draft decision 72/28**

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission endorsed the proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2018-2019 (A/71/6 (Prog. 16)).

**Agenda item 4 (d)**  
**Partnerships, extrabudgetary contributions and capacity development**

**Draft decision 72/29**

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the overview of partnerships, extrabudgetary contributions and capacity development (E/ESCAP/72/28), and expressed its appreciation for the following contributions pledged by members and associate members for 2016:

1. *Brunei Darussalam.* The secretariat had received written notification that the Government of Brunei Darussalam would make the following contributions:

Pacific Trust Fund	\$ 1 000
SIAP	\$ 15 000

2. *Cambodia.* The secretariat had received written notification that the Government of Cambodia would make the following contribution:

APCICT	\$ 2 000
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3. *China.* The delegation of China indicated that its Government would make the following contributions:

China-ESCAP Cooperation Programme	\$ 1 000 000 and RMB 1 500 000
Promoting regional connectivity and the Belt and Road initiative	RMB 1 000 000

In addition, the delegation of China announced that its Government was considering to considerably increase its contribution to CSAM, and would continue to provide contributions to SIAP, NEASPEC and the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons.

4. *India.* The delegation of India announced that its Government would make the following contributions:

APCICT	\$ 20 000
APCTT	\$ 200 000
CSAM	\$ 15 000
ESCAP Subregional Office for South and South-West Asia	\$ 79 000

In addition, the delegation of India announced that its Government intended to make contributions in-kind equivalent to \$259,800 to APCTT and equivalent to \$259,800 to the Subregional Office for South and South-West Asia.

The delegation also informed the Commission that its Government was considering making a contribution to SIAP.

5. *Indonesia.* The delegation of Indonesia announced that its Government would make the following contribution:

CAPSA	Rp 767 000 000
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In addition, the delegation of Indonesia informed the Commission that its Government would make contributions in-kind to CAPSA of Rp 445,000,000 for the institution's operational costs and of Rp 1,000,000,000 for the institution's programme activities.

The delegation also informed the Commission that its Government intended to make an in-kind contribution to APCICT equivalent to \$300,000 for rolling out academy and training workshops and for providing master degree scholarships for government officials.

6. *Iran (Islamic Republic of).* The delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran expressed its commitment to financially support the establishment of APDIM and stated that it would allocate \$3,000,000 for APDIM new programme activities.

In addition, the delegation informed the Commission that its Government intended to make an in-kind contribution to APDIM.

7. *Japan.* The delegation of Japan announced that its Government would make the following contribution for the period April 2016 to March 2017:

SIAP	\$ 1 783 700
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The cash contribution to SIAP includes the expenses for conducting training courses in Japan.

In addition, the delegation of Japan announced that its Government intended to make a contribution in-kind equivalent to \$934,533 to SIAP for the period from April 2016 to March 2017. Furthermore, as part of its technical cooperation programme through the Japan International Cooperation Agency, in cooperation with SIAP, the delegation announced its Government's intention to provide fellowships for 64 participants in specific training courses on official statistics.

8. *Macao, China.* The secretariat had received written notification that the Government of Macao, China, would make the following contributions:

APCICT	\$ 5 000
APCTT	\$ 5 000
CAPSA	\$ 3 000
SIAP	\$ 20 000

9. *Pakistan.* The secretariat had received written notification that the Government would make the following contributions:

CAPSA	\$ 7 000
CSAM	\$ 5 000

10. *Republic of Korea.* The delegation of Republic of Korea announced that its Government would make the following contribution:

APCICT	\$ 1 700 000
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In addition, the delegation of the Republic of Korea informed the Commission that its Government intended to make an in-kind contribution to APCICT equivalent to \$300,000.

11. *Sri Lanka.* The delegation of Sri Lanka announced that its Government would make the following contribution:

APCICT	\$ 10 000
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12. *Thailand.* The delegation of Thailand announced that its Government would make contributions as follows:

APCTT	\$ 15 000
CAPSA	\$ 10 000
CSAM	\$ 15 000
SIAP	\$ 20 000
Pacific Trust Fund	\$ 1 000

In addition, the delegation of Thailand informed the Commission that its Government was considering making a contribution in-kind to APCICT. Furthermore, the delegation informed the Commission that its Government would increase its annual contribution to SIAP to \$23,000 from the year 2017 onwards.

#### **Agenda item 5**

#### **Activities of the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission**

##### **Draft decision 72/30**

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the report of the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission (E/ESCAP/72/29).

#### **Agenda item 6**

#### **Dates, venue and theme topic for the seventy-third session of the Commission (2017)**

##### **Draft decision 72/31**

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission decided that its seventy-third session would be held in April or May 2017; the actual dates would be determined in consultation with the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission. The Commission also decided that the theme topic for its seventy-third session would be “Regional cooperation for sustainable energy” (E/ESCAP/72/30).

**Agenda item 7**  
**Policy issues for the Asia-Pacific region**

**Agenda item 7 (a)**  
**Key challenges to inclusive and sustainable economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific**

**Draft decision 72/32**

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the report on enhancing regional economic cooperation and integration in Asia and the Pacific (E/ESCAP/72/5).

**Agenda item 7 (b)**  
**Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2016**

**Draft decision 72/33**

At its sixth plenary meeting, on 19 May 2016, the Commission took note of the summary of the Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2016 (E/ESCAP/72/31).

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