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**Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific****Seventy-second session**

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Agenda item 3 (e)

**Review of issues pertinent to the subsidiary structure  
of the Commission, including the work of the regional  
institutions: information and communications technology****Draft resolution****Sponsored by: Republic of Korea****Co-sponsored by: Pakistan****Regional review of the implementation of the World  
Summit on the Information Society action lines***The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 70/125 of 16 December 2015, entitled “Outcome document of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society”, in which the Assembly called for close alignment with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,<sup>1</sup>

*Recalling also* its resolution 69/10 of 1 May 2013, entitled “Promoting regional information and communications technology connectivity and building knowledge-networked societies in Asia and the Pacific”,

*Recalling further* its resolution 71/10 of 29 May 2015, entitled “Strengthening regional information and communications technology connectivity through the Asia-Pacific information superhighway”,

*Acknowledging* the importance of information and communications technology as a means of implementation for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals,

1. *Encourages* members and associate members of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific to take note of the above-mentioned resolutions in their national development plans in general and their policies and strategies on information and communications technology in particular;

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<sup>1</sup> General Assembly resolution 70/1.

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to:

(a) Accord priority to continued support for the member States and relevant stakeholders in the implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society action lines;

(b) Ensure enhanced efforts and linkages between the Sustainable Development Goals and the Summit in the work of the secretariat within its existing mandate;

(c) Collaborate with international and regional organizations to continue to hold regional preparatory consultations, including through public-private partnerships and expert meetings;

(d) Hold a regional review of the implementation of the Summit action lines as part of the session of the Committee on Information and Communications Technology, Science, Technology and Innovation and ensure linkage to the global forums on the Summit in collaboration with relevant international and regional organizations to avoid duplications;

(e) Coordinate United Nations agencies and partners in the regional review and follow-up towards harmonized approaches to and synergies in the implementation of the Summit;

(f) Report on progress made to the Commission at its seventy-fourth session.

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