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Special Body on Least Developed, Landlocked Developing and Pacific Island Developing Countries: the new programme of action for the landlocked developing countries

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Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014-2024

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 69/137 of 12 December 2014, in which the Assembly endorsed the Vienna Declaration and the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014-2024 that were adopted at the second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries, held in Vienna from 3 to 5 November 2014,

Recalling also its resolution 69/2 of 1 May 2013 on the final review of the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action in the Asia-Pacific region,

Recognizing that the lack of territorial access to the sea, aggravated by remoteness from world markets and high transit costs, continues to impose serious constraints on the attainment of sustainable and inclusive development in landlocked developing countries in the Asia-Pacific region,

Recalling the overarching goal of the Vienna Programme of Action to address the special development needs and challenges of landlocked developing countries that arise from their landlockedness, remoteness and geographical constraints in a more coherent manner and thus contribute to an enhanced rate of sustainable and inclusive growth, which can contribute to the eradication of poverty by moving towards the goal of ending extreme poverty,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 64/214, in which the United Nations General Assembly welcomed the establishment of the International Think Tank for Landlocked Developing Countries, and resolution 69/137, in which the Assembly urged ratification of the Multilateral Agreement for the Establishment of an International Think Tank for Landlocked Developing Countries;

Having considered the report on the secretariat's support for implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action,¹

1. *Welcomes* the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014-2024;

2. *Encourages* the Asian landlocked and transit developing countries, regional and subregional organizations and all other stakeholders to implement at all levels, in a coordinated, coherent and expeditious manner, the actions that have been agreed upon in the Vienna Programme of Action in its six priority areas, namely: fundamental transit policy issues; infrastructure development and maintenance; international trade and trade facilitation; regional integration and cooperation; structural economic transformation; and means of implementation;

3. *Invites* those landlocked developing countries that have not yet done so to accede to or to ratify, at their earliest convenience, the Multilateral Agreement for the Establishment of an International Think Tank for Landlocked Developing Countries in order to bring the Think Tank into full operation, and invites the secretariat, the Office of the High Representative and other relevant bodies of the United Nations system, member States, including development partners, and relevant international and regional organizations to support the Think Tank so that it can undertake its role;

4. *Calls upon* member States to mainstream the Vienna Programme of Action into their national and sectoral development strategies in order to ensure its effective implementation;

5. *Invites*, in light of paragraph 71 of the Vienna Programme of Action,² the relevant organizations and bodies, including the World Bank, the World Trade Organization and regional development banks, among others the Asian Development Bank, to integrate the Vienna Programme of Action into their programmes of work, as appropriate within their respective mandates, and to support landlocked and transit developing countries in the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action in a well-coordinated and coherent manner;

6. *Urges* the development partners of the landlocked developing countries to provide targeted technical and financial support and to increase their investment in infrastructure development and maintenance, as appropriate;

7. *Invites* the private sector to contribute to the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action in their respective areas of competence and in line with the national priorities of the landlocked developing countries;

¹ See E/ESCAP/71/2.

² General Assembly resolution 69/137, annex II.

8. *Requests the Executive Secretary:*

(a) To mainstream the Vienna Programme of Action into the programme of work of the Commission, as appropriate and within its respective mandate, and submit annual analytical reports on the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action, as called for in paragraph 75 of the Programme of Action, to the Special Body on Least Developed, Landlocked Developing and Pacific Island Developing Countries;

(b) To provide all possible assistance to the Asia-Pacific landlocked developing countries in the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action;

(c) To carry out relevant activities to ensure effective realization of the road map of the secretariat for implementing the Vienna Programme of Action as contained in document E/ESCAP/71/2;

(d) To report to the Commission at its seventy-second session on the progress made in implementation of the present resolution.
