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**Adoption of the report of the Commission****Draft report**

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**Statement of programme budget implications of actions and proposals of the Commission**

1. The requests contained in the draft resolutions listed below will have no additional programme budget implications for the approved programme budget for 2014-2015<sup>1</sup> or the proposed programme budget for 2016-2017:

(a) Draft resolution E/ESCAP/71/L.5: Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 in Asia and the Pacific;

(b) Draft resolution E/ESCAP/71/L.6: Establishment of the Asian and Pacific centre for the development of disaster information management;

(c) Draft resolution E/ESCAP/71/L.7: Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014-2024;

(d) Draft resolution E/ESCAP/71/L.8: Implementation of the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Advancing Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment;

(e) Draft resolution E/ESCAP/71/L.9: Strengthening regional mechanisms for the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 in Asia and the Pacific;

(f) Draft resolution E/ESCAP/71/L.10: Strengthening cooperation on sustainable management of water resources in Asia and the Pacific;

(g) Draft resolution E/ESCAP/71/L.11: Asian and Pacific Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Decade, 2015-2024;

(h) Draft resolution E/ESCAP/71/L.12: Implementation of the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway;

(i) Draft resolution E/ESCAP/71/L.13: Maritime transport connectivity for sustainable development;

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<sup>1</sup> See General Assembly resolution 68/248 A-C.

(j) Draft resolution E/ESCAP/71/L.14: Implementing the outcome of the Asia-Pacific High-level Consultation on Financing for Development;

(k) Draft resolution E/ESCAP/71/L.15: Adoption of the Regional Cooperation Framework for the Facilitation of International Railway Transport;

(l) Draft resolution E/ESCAP/71/L.16: Strengthening regional information and communications technology connectivity through the Asia-Pacific information superhighway;

(m) Draft resolution E/ESCAP/71/L.17: Strengthening intraregional and interregional connectivity in Asia and the Pacific.

2. Extrabudgetary resources, where appropriate, will be sought for the implementation of the activities required under the above-mentioned draft resolutions.

3. With respect to draft resolution E/ESCAP/71/L.6, two outputs would be added to the programme of work for the period 2016-2017, namely: the governing council of the Asian and Pacific centre for the development of disaster information management; and capacity development in disaster information management.

4. The requests contained in draft resolution E/ESCAP/71/L.4: Restructuring the conference structure of the Commission to be fit for the evolving post-2015 development agenda will have additional financial implications for the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017. Detailed estimates of programme budget implications and programme changes will be prepared by the Department of Management at Headquarters and presented to the Economic and Social Council at the time of its consideration of this draft resolution.

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