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Agenda item 1

Opening of the session

Draft report

Organization of phase I of the seventieth session of the Commission

A. Attendance and organization of work

1. Owing to the special circumstances in Bangkok, the seventieth session was held in two phases. Phase I was held at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) in Bangkok on 23 May 2014, and Phase II was scheduled to be held from 4 to 8 August 2014.

2. The session was attended by representatives of the following members and associate members:¹

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]

¹ The list of countries/organizations attending the session is tentative and will be updated on 23 May 2014 with those in actual attendance.

[Marshall Islands]
[Mongolia]
[Myanmar]
[Nauru]
[Nepal]
[Netherlands]
[Pakistan]
[Papua New Guinea]
[Philippines]
[Republic of Korea]
[Russian Federation]
[Samoa]
[Singapore]
[Solomon Islands]
[Sri Lanka]
[Thailand]
[Timor-Leste]
[Turkey]
[Turkmenistan]
[Tuvalu]
[United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland]
[United States of America]
[Uzbekistan]
[Vanuatu]
[Viet Nam]
Associate members
[Hong Kong, China]
[Macao, China]

3. By virtue of rule 3 of the Commission's rules of procedure, representatives of [Austria] and [] attended.

4. The session was attended by representatives of the following offices of the United Nations Secretariat: [Economic Commission for Africa; Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia; Economic Commission for Europe; Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States; and Regional Commissions New York Office.]

5. Representatives of the following United Nations bodies attended: [Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS; United Nations Children's Fund; United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification; United Nations Development Programme; United Nations Environment Programme; and United Nations Human Settlements Programme.]

6. Representatives of the following specialized agencies were present in a consultative capacity: [Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; International Finance Corporation; International Maritime Organization; International Telecommunication Union; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; United Nations Industrial Development Organization; Universal Postal Union; and World Health Organization.]

7. The following intergovernmental organizations attended as observers: [Asian Development Bank; Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific; Conference on Interaction and Confidence-building Measures in Asia; Coordinating Committee for Geosciences Programmes in

East and South-East Asia; Eurasian Economic Commission; Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development; WMO/ESCAP Panel on Tropical Cyclones; and ESCAP/WMO Typhoon Committee.]

8. In accordance with rule 13 of its rules of procedure, the Commission elected Mr. Kazi Imtiaz Hossain (Bangladesh) as Chair of Phase I. Ms. Jocelyn S. Batoon-Garcia (Philippines) and Mr. Veali Vagi (Papua New Guinea) were elected Vice-Chairs of Phase I.

9. The Executive Secretary delivered a welcome statement.

B. Agenda

10. 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) Preparations for the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, Samoa, 2014;
 - (b) Sustainable management of oceans for sustainable development and poverty eradication;
 - (c) Development issues relevant to least developed countries;
 - (d) Development issues relevant to landlocked developing countries;
 - (e) The perspectives of Asia-Pacific least developed, landlocked developing and Pacific island developing countries in the context of the development agenda beyond 2015;
 - (f) 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 ESCAP during the biennium 2012-2013;
 - (b) Programme changes for the biennium 2014-2015;
 - (c) Draft strategic framework for the biennium 2016-2017;
 - (d) Technical cooperation activities of ESCAP and announcement of intended contributions.
- 5. Evaluation pursuant to resolution 67/4: Establishment of the Asian and Pacific centre for the development of disaster information management.
- 6. Activities of the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission.
- 7. Dates, venue and theme topic for the seventy-first session of the Commission (2015).

Ministerial segment

- 8. 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 2014.
- 9. Theme topic for the seventieth session of the Commission: “Regional connectivity for shared prosperity”.
- 10. Other matters.
- 11. Adoption of the report of the Commission.
- 11. The following agenda items were considered at Phase I:
 - 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;
 - 4. Management issues:
 - (a) Report on the evaluation activities of ESCAP during the biennium 2012-2013;
 - (b) Programme changes for the biennium 2014-2015;
 - (c) Draft strategic framework for the biennium 2016-2017;
 - 5. Evaluation pursuant to resolution 67/4: Establishment of the Asian and Pacific centre for the development of disaster information management;

6. Activities of the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission;
7. Dates, venue and theme topic for the seventy-first session of the Commission (2015);
10. Other matters;
11. Adoption of the report of the Commission.

C. Adoption of the report

12. The report on Phase I of the seventieth session was adopted at the second plenary meeting on 23 May 2014.
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