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**Review of issues pertinent to the subsidiary structure of the Commission, including the work of the regional institutions: Social development and statistics**

### Draft resolution

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## **A core set of population and social statistics to guide national capacity development in Asia and the Pacific**

*The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,*

*Acknowledging* the role of the Commission in promoting shared prosperity in Asia and the Pacific through inclusive and sustainable economic growth and social development,

*Recognizing* the increasing policy interest in population subgroups and economic and social inequalities,

*Stressing* the importance of and the need for timely, reliable and comparable population and social statistics to support evidence-based policies and decisions, measure the progress of societies and assess the achievement of national and internationally agreed development goals,

*Expressing* concern that the existing capacity of many national statistical systems in the region falls short of meeting the need for timely, reliable and comparable population and social statistics,

*Appreciating* that the Committee on Statistics at its second session resolved to address the gap in national capacity by aiming to ensure that all countries in the Asian and Pacific region have the capacity by 2020 to provide an agreed basic range of population, economic, social and environment statistics,<sup>1</sup>

*Recognizing* that many government and non-governmental agencies, apart from the national statistical offices, play very important roles in the

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<sup>1</sup> E/ESCAP/67/12.

production, dissemination and use of population and social statistics, and that the strengthening of national statistical capacity regarding population and social statistics requires the commitment and concerted efforts of all relevant producers and users,

*Having considered and taken note* of the report of the Committee on Statistics on its third session,<sup>2</sup>

1. *Endorses* the recommendation of the Committee on Statistics to use the core set of population and social statistics<sup>3</sup> as a regional guideline for national capacity development to focus national efforts, coordinate regional cooperation and mobilize support by all relevant partners;

2. *Recommends* that members and associate members use the core set of population and social statistics, as appropriate, as a framework and guide in the development of their national statistical systems.

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<sup>2</sup> E/ESCAP/69/13.

<sup>3</sup> E/ESCAP/CST(3)/5/Add.1.