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**Review of issues pertinent to the subsidiary structure of the Commission:
Social development**

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Draft resolution

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**High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Final Review
of the Implementation of the Asian and Pacific Decade
of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012**

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling its resolution 64/8 of 30 April 2008 on the regional implementation of the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action¹ and Biwako Plus Five towards an Inclusive, Barrier-free and Rights-based Society for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific,² in which, inter alia, the Commission requested the Executive Secretary to convene a high-level intergovernmental meeting to review the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action and Biwako Plus Five in 2012, the concluding year of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012,

Recalling also its resolution 59/3 of 4 September 2003 on regional implementation of the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action towards an Inclusive, Barrier-free and Rights-based Society for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific during the Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012,

Welcoming the adoption of Biwako Plus Five, which was aimed at enhancing the effective implementation of the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action over the remaining five years of the Decade,

¹ E/ESCAP/APDDP/4/Rev.1.

² E/ESCAP/APDDP(2)/2.

Noting with satisfaction that, following ratification by the twentieth Government, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities³ entered into force on 3 May 2008, which is the most significant development achieved so far during the second Decade, 2003-2012, and that, as of 29 April 2009, many Governments that have ratified the Convention are from the Asia-Pacific region,

Recognizing that, at the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Midpoint Review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012, held in Bangkok from 19 to 21 September 2007, the Government of the Republic of Korea expressed its willingness to host a meeting for the final review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons in 2012, in conjunction with the General Assembly of the Asia and Pacific Disability Forum and the World Congress of Rehabilitation International,

Welcoming the establishment of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, in October 2008, to review the implementation of the Convention,

1. *Decides* that the venue of the high-level intergovernmental meeting on the final review of the implementation of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012, should be decided by the Commission at its sixty-sixth session;

2. *Welcomes* the offer of the Republic of Korea to host the high-level intergovernmental meeting on the final review of the implementation of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons, 2003-2012, in conjunction with the General Assembly of the Asia and Pacific Disability Forum and the World Congress of Rehabilitation International;

3. *Calls* upon other members and associate members that may wish to host the high-level intergovernmental meeting to present their offers as soon as possible and no later than October 2009;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to examine all offers to host the high-level intergovernmental meeting on the final review of the implementation of the Second Decade, and to report the results of the examining process to the Commission at its sixty-sixth session.

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³ General Assembly resolution 61/106, annex I.