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**ACTIVITIES OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVES AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES
DESIGNATED BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION**

(Agenda item 6)

Draft report

1. The Commission had before it document E/ESCAP/65/27 containing the report of the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission (ACPR). In his capacity as Rapporteur of the Advisory Committee, the Permanent Representative of Fiji to ESCAP presented highlights of the Committee's activities during the past year.
2. Since the sixty-fourth session of the Commission, ACPR had held six regular sessions, one special session and four meetings of the Informal Working Group on Draft Resolutions.
3. A key focus of the work of the Advisory Committee during the period under review had been the provision of guidance on the implementation of Commission resolution 64/1 on the restructuring of the conference structure of the Commission, including the preparations for the inaugural sessions and the setting of the agendas of the new subsidiary Committees.
4. The Advisory Committee had also reviewed the draft programme of work of ESCAP for the biennium 2010-2011 and provided suggestions for changes that had been presented to the Commission. The Rapporteur also reported on the work undertaken by ACPR in the substantive preparations for the sixty-fifth and sixty-sixth sessions of the Commission.
5. The importance of ACPR as a consultative body and a channel for members of ESCAP to effectively participate in, and be informed of, the implementation by the secretariat of the decisions of the Commission was recognized. Some delegations expressed their desire to further strengthen cooperation among ACPR members and between ACPR and the secretariat.

6. The Commission noted the remark by one delegation that ACPR had increased its efficiency during the past year. The Commission further noted that ACPR had continued to effectively fulfil its role of providing advice to the Executive Secretary and maintaining close cooperation and dialogue between the members and the secretariat.