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Item 4 (d) of the provisional agenda*

Review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific: disaster risk reduction**Draft resolution****Sponsored by: Thailand****Co-sponsored by: Indonesia****Implementation of the Ministerial Declaration on Space Applications for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific and the Asia-Pacific Plan of Action on Space Applications for Sustainable Development (2018–2030)***The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,*

PP1. *Noting* General Assembly resolution 73/6 of 26 October 2018 entitled “Fiftieth anniversary of the first United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space: space as a driver of sustainable development”, in which the Assembly encouraged efforts towards stronger international cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space to address long-term sustainable development concerns, taking into account the particular needs of developing countries, and emphasized the need to take further coordinated action to ensure that space science and technology and their applications served the goals of sustainable development and the betterment of humankind,

PP2. *Noting also* that the General Assembly, in its resolution 73/6, encouraged States Members of the United Nations to actively conduct bilateral, multilateral, regional and broader international space cooperation, including through capacity-building, information-sharing and the development of joint projects, and invited the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to continue to develop, on the basis of the results of the fiftieth anniversary of the first United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE+50) process held in June 2018, a “Space2030” agenda and implementation plan and acknowledged the importance of global partnership

* ESCAP/75/L.1.

among Member States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, industry and private sector entities in fulfilling the “Space2030” agenda,

PP3. *Recalling* resolution 2016/27 of 27 July 2016 of the Economic and Social Council on strengthening institutional arrangements on geospatial information management, in which the Council requested that regional commissions provide relevant support, upon request and as appropriate, to the work of the regional bodies of the United Nations Initiative on Global Geospatial Information Management and that the outcomes and benefits of the activities of those bodies be equally disseminated to all Member States in each region,

PP4. *Recalling also* resolution 69/11 of 1 May 2013 of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific on the implementation of the Asia-Pacific Plan of Action for Applications of Space Technology and Geographic Information Systems for Disaster Risk Reduction and Sustainable Development, 2012–2017, and the annex thereto, in which the secretariat was requested to take the lead in implementing the Plan of Action in the region,

PP5. *Welcoming* the successful outcome of the Third Ministerial Conference on Space Applications for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific, held in Bangkok on 10 October 2018, and having considered the report of the Ministerial Conference,¹ the Ministerial Declaration on Space Applications for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific² and the Asia-Pacific Plan of Action on Space Applications for Sustainable Development (2018–2030),³

PP6. *Expecting* that the implementation of the Asia-Pacific Plan of Action on Space Applications for Sustainable Development (2018–2030) will strengthen the capacity of States members of the Commission in geospatial information management and facilitate the dissemination of the outcomes and benefits of geospatial activities to member States in the region,

OP1. *Endorses* the Ministerial Declaration on Space Applications for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific² and the Asia-Pacific Plan of Action on Space Applications for Sustainable Development (2018–2030);³

OP2. *Invites* all members and associate members to work together closely and develop appropriate joint programmes and projects that are aligned with the priority themes, goals, targets and actions of the Asia-Pacific Plan of Action on Space Applications for Sustainable Development (2018–2030);

OP3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To accord priority to support the implementation of the Ministerial Declaration on Space Applications for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific and the Asia-Pacific Plan of Action on Space Applications for Sustainable Development (2018–2030);

(b) To carry out in 2022 an evaluation of the implementation by member States of phase I of the Asia-Pacific Plan of Action on Space Applications for Sustainable Development (2018–2030) and to submit a report

¹ ESCAP/75/10.

² ESCAP/75/10/Add.1.

³ ESCAP/75/10/Add.2.

with recommendations to the fourth Ministerial Conference on Space Applications for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific;

(c) To report to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its seventy-seventh session on progress in the implementation of the present resolution.
