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**Review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific:
Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development**

Draft resolution

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Committing to strengthening the links between national, regional and global follow-up to and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, in which the Assembly emphasized that Governments had the primary responsibility for follow-up and review, at the national, regional and global levels, in relation to the progress made in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals and targets by 2030,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 70/299 of 29 July 2016 on the follow-up to and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the global level, in which the Assembly reaffirmed that the high-level political forum on sustainable development would have a central role in overseeing a network of follow-up and review processes of the 2030 Agenda at the global level, encouraged Member States to identify the most suitable regional or subregional forums and formats, where appropriate, as a further means of contributing to the follow-up and review at the high-level political forum, recognizing the need to avoid duplication, and welcomed the steps taken in that regard,

Recalling further resolution 73/1 of 19 May 2017 of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific on aligning the conference structure of the Commission with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in which the Commission decided that the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development was part of the subsidiary structure of the Commission, and resolution 73/9 of 19 May 2017 on the regional road map for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific, in which it called upon member States to cooperate in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, as provided for by the General Assembly in its resolution 70/1, including at the regional level, in light of the regional road map for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific,¹

Having considered the report of the Sixth Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development and its annex,²

Noting the inadequate level of means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the country level and that the Asia-Pacific region needs to accelerate efforts in relation to the achievement of every Sustainable Development Goal if it aims to implement the 2030 Agenda,

Noting also that empowering people, including civil society and the private sector, and ensuring their inclusion is fundamental for realizing the aspiration of leaving no one behind and embodies the transformative nature of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

Emphasizing its role in supporting countries, in particular countries with special needs, in providing a regional perspective on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,

Noting with appreciation the role of the secretariat of the Commission in building national and regional capacities for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and targets, including for the voluntary national reviews,

1. *Emphasizes* the importance of strengthening the links between national, regional and global follow-up to and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;³

2. *Recognizes* the key role played by the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development in providing a regional space for follow-up and review, including for member States to discuss their voluntary national reviews among regional peers before submission to the high-level political forum on sustainable development;

3. *Calls upon* its members, and urges the Economic and Social Council, to ensure that inputs emanating from the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development are adequately reflected annually in the programme and deliberations of the high-level political forum on sustainable development;

¹ E/ESCAP/73/31, annex II.

² ESCAP/75/5.

³ General Assembly resolution 70/1.

4. *Recommits* to strong regional cooperation along the priority areas identified in the regional road map for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific;¹

5. *Requests* the Chair of the Sixth Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development to present these messages, on behalf of the Asia-Pacific region, to the high-level political forum on sustainable development at its sessions held under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council in July 2019 and under the auspices of the General Assembly in September 2019;

6. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to consult member States on how to strengthen the link between the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development and the high-level political forum on sustainable development, and invites member States to consider reviewing progress on the implementation of the regional road map for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific, as appropriate;

7. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary 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.
