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**Implementation of Commission resolutions 68/3, 70/1, 70/4 and  
70/6 and consideration of draft resolutions and decisions for  
submission to the Commission at its seventy-second session**

## Implementation of Commission resolution 70/4

### Note by the secretariat

#### *Summary*

The present note contains a summary of the progress made in the implementation of Commission resolution 70/4: promoting sustainable agricultural development in Asia and the Pacific through technology transfer.

The Committee may wish to review the progress achieved and to provide the secretariat with comments and further guidance for the effective implementation of the resolution.

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### **I. Requirements of the operative paragraphs**

1. In paragraphs 4 and 5 of its resolution 70/4, the Commission requested the Executive Secretary:

(a) To continue to support knowledge- and information-sharing and capacity development for member States to pursue sustainable agricultural development;

(b) To continue to assist members and associate members in undertaking North-South cooperation, South-South cooperation and triangular cooperation to facilitate and expedite technology transfer on mutually agreed terms and the uptake of socially, economically and environmentally sustainable technologies;

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(c) To continue to support and facilitate, for example through the substantive divisions, subregional offices and regional institutions of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), regional cooperation in the innovation, development and application of sustainable agricultural technologies, including technologies for agricultural mechanization, and the conservation and sustainable use of natural resources in order to achieve intensification of sustainable food and agricultural production and to reduce rural poverty;

(d) To continue to encourage public-private partnerships and devise creative approaches, such as the organization of dialogue and advocacy activities together or in conjunction with exhibitions and fairs, for the promotion of knowledge- and information-sharing, policy dialogue, joint and collaborative research and development, technology transfer on mutually agreed upon terms, as well as business development;

(e) To report to the Commission at its seventy-second session on the implementation of the present resolution.

## **II. Progress made**

2. In response to paragraph 4 (a), the Executive Secretary requested the Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization to strategize with a view to raising funds and implementing projects and activities to support knowledge- and information-sharing and capacity development.

3. In response to paragraph 4 (b), the secretariat, through the Centre, has continued to organize workshops, study tours and other capacity-building activities to assist members and associate members in undertaking North-South cooperation and South-South cooperation to facilitate and expedite technology transfers. Examples of this are: training on agricultural mechanization for the Korean Academy of Agricultural Sciences of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea; a mini-exhibition and demonstrations organized during the Regional Forum on Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization; a study tour and workshop for agricultural machinery distributors; training and study tour for Nepalese policymakers in Nepal and extension workers to India on custom hiring of agricultural machinery; the training of trainers of testing engineers under the Asian and Pacific Network for Testing of Agricultural Machinery; and trainings planned under the Myanmar-based Livelihoods and Food Security Trust Fund project.

4. In response to paragraph 4 (c), the secretariat, through the Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization continued to support and facilitate regional cooperation, including by launching and operationalizing the Asian and Pacific Network for Testing of Agricultural Machinery, initiating the Regional Database of Agricultural Mechanization in Asia and the Pacific and launching the Regional Council of Agricultural Machinery Associations in Asia and the Pacific.

5. In response to paragraph 4 (d), the secretariat, through the Centre, continued to encourage public-private partnerships by organizing the Roundtable of National Agricultural Machinery Associations in Asia and the Pacific in Wuhan, China, from 28 to 30 October 2014, and the first Annual Meeting of the Regional Council of Agricultural Machinery Associations, which is to be held in Qingdao, China, from 26 to 28 October 2015 in parallel with major agricultural machinery exhibitions. In addition, the Centre has engaged both public- and private-sector stakeholders in designing and implementing most of its projects/initiatives and is organizing the second Annual Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Network for the Testing of Agricultural

Machinery, which will be held in December 2015 in parallel with the largest agricultural machinery fair in India.

6. In response to paragraph 4 (e), the present note outlines the current status of the implementation of the resolution. Furthermore, the secretariat will report on progress in the implementation of the resolution to the Commission at its seventy-second session.

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