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**Review of issues pertinent to the subsidiary structure of the Commission, including the work of the ESCAP regional institutions:  
Social development**

### Draft resolution

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### **Asia-Pacific regional preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014**

*The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,*

*Recalling* that the General Assembly, in its resolution 65/234 of 22 December 2010, decided to convene a special session during its sixty-ninth session in order to assess the status of implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,<sup>1</sup> and to renew political support for actions required for the full achievement of the goals and objectives of the Programme of Action,

*Also recalling* that the General Assembly, in the same resolution, called upon the United Nations Population Fund to undertake an operational review of the implementation of the Programme of Action, and invited all other relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to contribute, as appropriate, to the special session as well as to its preparation,

*Further recalling* that the General Assembly, in the same resolution, also encouraged Governments to undertake reviews of the progress achieved and the constraints faced therein in the implementation of the Programme of Action at all levels, particularly at the national level and at the level of international cooperation,

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<sup>1</sup> *Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

*Recalling* its resolution 66/12 of 19 May 2010 on the sixth Asian and Pacific Population Conference, in which it requested the Executive Secretary to convene the sixth Asian and Pacific Population Conference in Bangkok in 2012 in cooperation with the United Nations Population Fund and other relevant organizations of the United Nations system,

*Taking note* of the proposed regional preparatory activities to be undertaken by the secretariat in cooperation with the United Nations Population Fund to support members and associate members in preparing for the special session,<sup>2</sup>

*Mindful* of the significant linkage between the International Conference on Population and Development and the Asian and Pacific Population Conference and the need to align the convening of the forthcoming sixth Asian and Pacific Population Conference with the global process leading up to the special session in order to achieve synergies and impact,

1. *Decides* to postpone the convening of the sixth Asian and Pacific Population Conference in Bangkok to 2013 with a view to utilizing the Conference as an intergovernmental platform for regional preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014;

2. *Also decides* that critical population and development issues, such as (a) sexual and reproductive health, including maternal health, family planning and prevention and treatment of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases, (b) gender equality and women's empowerment, (c) population ageing, (d) international migration, (e) urbanization, (f) education, and (g) regional and international cooperation in the field of population and development, be considered in the work of the sixth Asian and Pacific Population Conference as part of the process of assessing the status of implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development<sup>1</sup> and recommending actions required at all levels for the full achievement of its goals and objectives, with particular attention to accelerating the reduction of maternal mortality and access to sexual and reproductive health information and services for all, especially for young people and vulnerable groups;

3. *Further decides* that the outcome of the sixth Asian and Pacific Population Conference serve as a regional input to the special session of the General Assembly on the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014;

4. *Emphasizes* the need for all members and associate members to recommit themselves to fully implementing the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development;<sup>1</sup>

5. *Also emphasizes* that financial resources should be used effectively by recipient countries to meet national population and development objectives, so as to assist donors to secure commitment to further resources for programmes;

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<sup>2</sup> See E/ESCAP/68/2, para. 113.

6. *Further emphasizes* the need for complementary resource flows from the international community, including donor countries, for the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development;

7. *Underlines* the need for national capacity-building for population and development and transfer of appropriate technology and know-how to developing countries to be core objectives and central activities for international cooperation at the programme level. It should be stressed that the international community was called on to consider such measures as the transfer of technologies to developing countries to produce and distribute high-quality items for reproductive health services in order to strengthen the self-reliance of these countries;

8. *Encourages* all members and associate members to undertake national reviews of the progress achieved in the implementation of the Programme of Action and the constraints faced therein;

9. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To prepare a regional overview on the basis of the national reviews of the progress achieved in the implementation of the Programme of Action and the constraints faced therein for the consideration of the sixth Asian and Pacific Population Conference;

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

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