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of the Commission, including the work of the ESCAP
regional institutions: Statistics**

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A core set of economic statistics to guide the improvement of basic economic statistics in Asia and the Pacific

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Stressing the importance of and need for timely, reliable and comparable official economic statistics for monitoring financial and economic trends, and evaluating related economic policies and their impact,

Recalling that, in response to the recognition by member States of a need to improve economic statistics in developing economies of the Asia-Pacific region, the Commission's Committee on Statistics at its first session, held in Bangkok from 4 to 6 February 2009, decided, among other things, the following:

(a) To adopt a coordinating governance structure that would guide the development, implementation and monitoring of an action plan for the development of economic statistics in the Asian and Pacific region;

(b) To establish a technical advisory group to advise its Bureau...and to formulate a minimum core set of economic statistics that each country in the Asian and Pacific region would be in a position to produce,¹

¹ See E/ESCAP/65/13, chap. I, decision 1/2.

*Having considered and taken note of the report of the Committee on Statistics on its second session,*²

1. *Endorses* the recommendation of the Committee on Statistics to use the core set of economic statistics³ as a regional framework to focus regional efforts, coordinate training and mobilize donor support for capacity-building;⁴

2. *Recommends* that members and associate members use, as appropriate, the core set of economic statistics as a framework and guide in the development of their national statistical systems.

² E/ESCAP/67/12.

³ E/ESCAP/CST(2)/4.

⁴ See E/ESCAP/67/12, chap. I.