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Agenda item 9

Adoption of the report of the Commission

Draft decisions

Agenda item 2

Theme topic, “Building back better from crises through regional cooperation in Asia and the Pacific”

Draft decision 1

Enhancing regional cooperation for seamless trade and transport connectivity in times of pandemic

At its 7th plenary meeting, on 29 April 2021, the Commission took note of the note by the secretariat on enhancing regional cooperation for seamless trade and transport connectivity in times of pandemic (ESCAP/77/2).

Draft decision 2

Subregional cooperation to build back better from crises in Asia and the Pacific

At its 7th plenary meeting, on 29 April 2021, the Commission took note of the note by the secretariat on subregional cooperation to build back better from crises in Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP/77/3).

Agenda item 3

Special Body on Least Developed, Landlocked Developing and Pacific Island Developing Countries

Draft decision 3

Summary of the Asia-Pacific Countries with Special Needs Development Report 2021: Strengthening the Resilience of Least Developed Countries in the Wake of the Coronavirus Disease Pandemic

At its 7th plenary meeting, on 29 April 2021, the Commission took note of the summary of the Asia-Pacific Countries with Special Needs Development Report 2021: Strengthening the Resilience of Least Developed Countries in the Wake of the Coronavirus Disease Pandemic (ESCAP/77/4).

Agenda item 4

Review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific and issues pertinent to the subsidiary structure of the Commission

Draft decision 4

Matters calling for action by the Commission or brought to its attention emanating from the meetings of its subsidiary bodies held in the period 2020–2021

At its 7th plenary meeting, on 29 April 2021, the Commission endorsed the matters calling for its action or brought to its attention emanating from the meetings of its subsidiary bodies held in the period 2020–2021 (ESCAP/77/7).

Draft decision 5

Reports of intergovernmental bodies and meetings held in the period 2020–2021

At its 7th plenary meeting, on 29 April 2021, the Commission endorsed the following documents:

(a) Report of the Governing Council of the Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia on its fifteenth session (ESCAP/77/5);

(b) Report of the Eighth Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (ESCAP/77/8);

(c) Report of the Governing Council of the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development on its fifteenth session (ESCAP/77/9);

(d) Report of the Governing Council of the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology on its sixteenth session (ESCAP/77/10);

(e) Report of the Governing Council of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific on its sixteenth session (ESCAP/77/12);

(f) Report of the Governing Council of the Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization on its sixteenth session (ESCAP/77/15);

(g) Report of the Governing Council of the Asian and Pacific Centre for the Development of Disaster Information Management on its fifth session (ESCAP/77/18).

Draft decision 6

Report of the Asia-Pacific Regional Review of Implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration

At its 7th plenary meeting, on 29 April 2021, the Commission took note of the report of the Asia-Pacific Regional Review of Implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (ESCAP/77/27).

Draft decision 7

Other documents on the review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific and issues pertinent to the subsidiary structure of the Commission

At its 7th plenary meeting, on 29 April 2021, the Commission took note of the following documents:

- (a) Summary of progress in the implementation of Commission resolutions (ESCAP/77/6);
- (b) Promoting meaningful and affordable access to broadband Internet for inclusive development (ESCAP/77/11);
- (c) Is everyone in the picture? Civil registration in the middle of the coronavirus disease pandemic (ESCAP/77/13);
- (d) Report on the sixth session of the Working Group on the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities, 2013–2022 (ESCAP/77/14);
- (e) Report of the 6th meeting of the Interim Intergovernmental Steering Group on Cross-border Paperless Trade Facilitation (ESCAP/77/16);
- (f) Enhancing energy security in the context of the coronavirus disease pandemic for a greener, more resilient and inclusive energy future in the region (ESCAP/77/17);
- (g) Pathways for managing systemic risks in Asia and the Pacific: regional and subregional approaches (ESCAP/77/19);
- (h) Economic policies and financing strategies to build resilient, inclusive and sustainable economies (ESCAP/77/20);
- (i) Annual reports of international and intergovernmental organizations provided to the Commission (ESCAP/77/INF/1).

Draft decision 8

Elections of the Governing Council of the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development and the Governing Council of the Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization

At its 7th plenary meeting, on 29 April 2021, the Commission, in light of the exceptional circumstances brought about by the coronavirus disease pandemic, decided to defer the elections of the Governing Councils of the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development and of the Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization to the seventy-eighth session of the Commission, in 2022, and to extend, on an exceptional basis, the term of the current members of both Councils by one year.

Agenda item 5

Management issues

Draft decision 9

Proposed programme plan for 2022

At its 7th plenary meeting, on 29 April 2021, the Commission endorsed the proposed programme plan for 2022 (ESCAP/77/21).

Draft decision 10

Proposed programme changes for the 2021 programme plan

At its 7th plenary meeting, on 29 April 2021, the Commission endorsed the proposed programme changes for the 2021 programme plan (ESCAP/77/22).

Draft decision 11

Overview of partnerships, extrabudgetary contributions and capacity development

At its 7th plenary meeting, on 29 April 2021, the Commission took note of the note by the secretariat on the overview of partnerships, extrabudgetary contributions and capacity development (ESCAP/77/23) and expressed its appreciation for the following contributions pledged by members and associate members for 2021:

1. **Bangladesh.** The secretariat had received written notification that the Government of Bangladesh would make the following contributions:

APCICT	\$10 000
APCTT	\$7 000
CSAM	\$3 000
SIAP	\$5 000

2. **Brunei Darussalam.** The secretariat had received written notification that the Government of Brunei Darussalam would make the following contributions:

SIAP	\$15 000
Pacific Trust Fund	\$1 000

3. **Japan.** The secretariat had received written notification that the Government of Japan would make the following contributions for the period from April 2021 to March 2022:

Japan-ESCAP Cooperation Fund	\$24 840
SIAP	\$1 843 765

In addition, the Government of Japan would make a contribution in kind equivalent to \$1,100,852 to SIAP for the period from April 2021 to March 2022.

4. **Macao, China.** The secretariat had received written notification that the government of Macao, China, would make the following contributions:

APCICT	\$5 000
APCTT	\$5 000
APDIM	\$10 000
SIAP	\$20 000

5. **Myanmar.** The secretariat had received written notification that the Government of Myanmar would make the following contributions:

ESCAP Programme of Work	\$2 000
SIAP	\$1 000

6. **Republic of Korea.** The secretariat had received written notification that the Government of the Republic of Korea would make the following contributions:

Korea-ESCAP Cooperation Fund	\$255 387
ESCAP Programme of Work	\$522 603
Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities	\$329 245
NEASPEC	\$265 141
Capacity Development Trust Fund for APTA Promotion and Trade Facilitation Activities	\$220 000
Seoul Initiative on Green Growth	\$100 000
APCICT	\$1 628 234
APCICT (programme of work)	\$44 338
APCTT	\$26 202
CSAM	\$10 000
SIAP	\$53 546
SIAP (training programmes)	\$59 086
Subregional Office for East and North-East Asia	\$1 141 000

7. **Russian Federation.** The Government of the Russian Federation had made the following contributions:

Russian Federation Fund	\$1 200 000
SIAP	\$30 000

8. **Thailand.** The secretariat had received written notification that the Government of Thailand would make the following contributions:

APCTT	\$15 000
CSAM	\$15 000
SIAP	\$23 000
Pacific Trust Fund	\$1 000

Draft decision 12

Evaluation of the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development pursuant to resolution 71/1

At its 7th plenary meeting, on 29 April 2021, the Commission endorsed the report on the evaluation of the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development (ESCAP/77/24) and took note of the information document on the evaluation of the Centre (ESCAP/77/INF/2/Rev.1).

Agenda item 6

Activities of the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission

Draft decision 13

Report of the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission

At its 7th plenary meeting, on 29 April 2021, the Commission took note of the report of the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission (ESCAP/77/25).

Agenda item 7

Dates and venue of and theme topic for the seventy-eighth session of the Commission (2022)

Draft decision 14

Dates and venue of and theme topic for the seventy-eighth session of the Commission (2022)

At its 7th plenary meeting, on 29 April 2021, the Commission decided that its seventy-eighth session would be held in Bangkok from 23 to 27 May 2022. The Commission also decided that the theme topic for its seventy-eighth session would be “A common agenda to advance sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific”. The Commission further decided to postpone the third Ministerial Conference on Regional Economic Cooperation and Integration in Asia and the Pacific to 2022 (ESCAP/77/26).
