IX. Resolutions relating to transport and communications (continued)

Calls upon UNDP, the co-operating countries
and aid-giving agencies to give their fullest support,
in the form of financial and technical assistance, to
ensure that implementation of Asian Highway
project will produce the desired far-reaching and
salutary results.

477th meeting.

163 (XXXII). ESTABLISHMENT
OF THE ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia
and the Pacific.

Convinced of the need to ensure balanced
devvelopment of the telecommunication services of
the ESCAP region at a pace commensurate with
the economic and social development of the region,

Considering the need for co-operation in the
detailed planning and management of the existing
and projected telecommunication services within the
region in the light of the current rapid development
of telecommunication in the region and of the
implementation of the Asian telecommunication
network,

Recognizing the need for permanent machinery
to correlate planning and operational arrangements
among national telecommunication organizations
within the region,

1. Endorses the report of the Intergovernmental
   Working Party of Experts to Finalize the
   Constitution of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity
   and adopts the Constitution of the Asia-Pacific
   Telecommunity;

2. Urges the members and associate members
   concerned to sign the Constitution and to deposit
   the instruments of ratification or acceptance as early
   as possible;

3. Requests the Executive Secretary, in co-
   operation with the International Telecommunication
   Union, to undertake all preparatory work in con-
   nection with the financing arrangements and the
   convening of the inaugural sessions of the General
   Assembly and the Management Committee and the
   establishment of the secretariat of the Asia-Pacific
   Telecommunity in August 1977 or as early as
   possible thereafter;

4. Further requests the interested donor coun-
   tries and agencies, including specifically the United
   Nations Development Programme, to provide all
   possible assistance in the establishment and operation
   in the initial stages of the Asia-Pacific
   Telecommunity;

5. Calls upon the member and associate member
governments to fully support the pre-
paratory work for the early establishment of the
Asia-Pacific Telecommunity and its operations on
its establishment.

508th meeting.
27 March 1976.

X. RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO SHIPPING, PORTS
AND INLAND WATERWAYS