

**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,  
21 April 1973.**

**163 (XXXII). ESTABLISHMENT OF  
THE ASIA-PACIFIC TELECOMMUNITY<sup>15</sup>**

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

*Convinced* of the need to ensure balanced development 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,

*Realizing* the need for establishment of a consultative organization within the region for the settlement of telecommunication matters which are susceptible of being treated on a regional basis,

*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<sup>16</sup> 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 connexion 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 countries 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 preparatory 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**

<sup>15</sup> See ESCOR, 61st sess., Suppl. No. 9 (E/5786-E/CN.11/1274), paras. 213-215.

<sup>16</sup> E/CN.11/L.441/INF.