



Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

Seventy-third session

Agenda item 3 (d)

**Resolution adopted by the Economic and Social Commission
for Asia and the Pacific**

**73/5. Strengthening Asia-Pacific's support for the United Nations
Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable
Development Goal 14**

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", and acknowledging the importance of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 70/226 of 22 December 2015, in which the Assembly decided to convene the high-level United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development, to be co-hosted by the Governments of Fiji and Sweden,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 69/313 of 27 July 2015, by which it endorsed the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, which is an integral part of the 2030 Agenda and whose full implementation is critical for the achievement of all the Sustainable Development Goals, including Goal 14,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 70/303 of 9 September 2016 on the modalities for the Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14,

Reaffirming resolution 72/9 of 19 May 2016 of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific on regional cooperation to promote the conservation and sustainable use of the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific, in which, inter alia, it called for greater cooperation, collaboration and coordination between subregions and regional organizations of Asia and the Pacific and through South-South, North-South and triangular cooperation for promoting the conservation and sustainable use of the oceans, seas and marine resources in the implementation of Goal 14,

Recognizing the ongoing assessment by the secretariat of the capacity development needs of Asia-Pacific countries with respect to the implementation of Goal 14,

Acknowledging the discussion of Goal 14 at the Fourth Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development, which will inform the high-level political forum on sustainable development,

Noting the preparatory work undertaken for the Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14, which is to be held in New York from 5 to 9 June 2017,

1. *Calls upon* all members and associate members to support the United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development;

2. *Encourages* members and associate members to consider making voluntary commitments, echoing the General Assembly in its resolution 70/303, by 9 June 2017;

3. *Invites* members and associate members to share good practices, lessons learned and information on partnerships on oceans and seas;

4. *Encourages* members and associate members to continue to enhance their capacity in relation to the sustainable management and use of oceans, in support of resolution 72/9 of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific;

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to:

(a) Continue to support current partnerships and develop new partnerships, where appropriate, as well as the Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14, in line with its mandates, including those emanating from Commission resolutions 69/17 of 1 May 2013 and 72/9, and through coordination and collaboration with development partners;

(b) Continue to support countries, especially least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, in sharing experiences and cooperation on the management of natural resources, including oceans and seas, in light of the regional road map for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific;¹

(c) Continue to support current regional partnerships and develop new regional partnerships, where appropriate, for enhancing data and statistical capacities for Goal 14 in line with the document entitled “Advancing official statistics for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: a collective vision and framework for action by the Asia-Pacific statistical community”, adopted by the Committee of Statistics at its fifth session;²

6. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its seventy-fifth session on progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.

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19 May 2017*

¹ E/ESCAP/73/31, annex II.

² E/ESCAP/CST(5)/1.