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**ACTIVITIES OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVES AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES DESIGNATED BY
MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION**

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**REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES
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Introduction

1. The present document covers the activities of the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission (ACPR) during the period from June 2009 to March 2010. The Advisory Committee appointed Mr. Naveen Prakash Jung Shah (Nepal) as Rapporteur, with the responsibility of presenting the report to the Commission at its sixty-sixth session.

ACTIVITIES OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2. During the period under review, ACPR held six regular sessions. It also held two special sessions to review the draft strategic framework for the biennium 2012-2013.

3. At its regular sessions, ACPR discussed the following subjects:

(a) *Outcome of the sixty-fifth session of the Commission.* In its review of the outcomes of the sixty-fifth session of the Commission, ACPR considered the major achievements of the session, including the adoption of six resolutions and one decision, on the dates, venue and theme topic for the sixty-sixth session of the Commission. The convening of the Special Body on Least Developed and Landlocked Developing Countries, in its elevated status as an integral part of the Commission session, had provided a vibrant forum for high-level exchange. ACPR congratulated the Executive Secretary and the secretariat for their efforts related to the convening the session of the Commission and expressed appreciation in particular to the Government of Thailand for having hosted the event;

* The late submission of the present document is due to the review by ACPR of its activities carried out during the period from June 2009 to March 2010.

(b) *Preparations for the sixty-sixth session of the Commission.* The secretariat informed ACPR of the endorsement by the Economic and Social Council of the choice of Incheon, Republic of Korea, as the venue for the sixty-sixth session of the Commission. ACPR reviewed the preparations made by the secretariat and provided advice and guidance on the dates and the agenda of the session and the work on the theme study for the session;

(c) *Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-fifth session.* ACPR provided advice and guidance on the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Commission, in particular resolution 65/1, on the implementation of the Bali Outcome Document in addressing the food, fuel and financial crises;

(d) *Review of the preparations for and outcomes of the following meetings:*

- (i) First session of the Committee on Trade and Investment;
- (ii) First session of the Committee on Macroeconomic Policy, Poverty Reduction and Inclusive Development;
- (iii) First session of the Committee on Environment and Development;
- (iv) First session of the Forum of Asian Ministers of Transport;
- (v) Fourth session of the Governing Council of the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development;
- (vi) Fifth session of the Governing Council of the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific;
- (vii) Fifth session of the Governing Council of the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology;
- (viii) Fifth session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Asian and Pacific Centre for Agricultural Engineering and Machinery;
- (ix) Asia-Pacific High-level Intergovernmental Meeting to Review Regional Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and Its Regional and Global Outcomes;
- (x) Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Meeting on the New ESCAP Subregional Offices for East and North-East Asia, North and Central Asia and South and South-West Asia;
- (xi) Sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific;

(e) *Outcome of the review of the programme budget of ESCAP for the biennium 2010-2011 by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.* ACPR was briefed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) on the outcome of the review of the programme budget of ESCAP for the biennium 2010-2011. ACABQ had expressed its support for the proposed programme budget of ESCAP for 2010-2011, indicating that it had been interested in particular in the status of the repositioning of ESCAP and the changes that had been effected in the programme structure;

(f) *Progress in the establishment of the subregional offices.* ACPR was informed about the start-up of the three subregional offices: (i) the Subregional Office for East and North-East Asia, to be located in Incheon, Republic of Korea; (ii) the Subregional Office for South and South-West Asia, to be located in New Delhi; and (iii) the Subregional Office for North and Central Asia, to be located in Almaty, Kazakhstan;

(g) *Review of the programme performance report for 2008-2009.* ACPR reviewed the programme performance report for 2008-2009, prior to consideration by the Commission;

(h) *Proposed calendar of ESCAP meetings and training programmes in the period from January to December 2010.* ACPR reviewed the calendar and was provided with clarifications on the proposed items;

(i) *Review of the draft strategic framework for the biennium 2012-2013.* ACPR provided comments and suggestions on the draft strategic framework.

4. ACPR was briefed on the following ongoing ESCAP initiatives and relevant events: (a) the work of ESCAP on the development of community e-centres to address poverty and bridge the digital divide; (b) the Asia-Pacific High-level Intergovernmental Meeting to Review Regional Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and Its Regional and Global Outcomes; (c) the Asia Pacific Disaster Report, a joint publication of ESCAP and the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction; (d) preparations for the Sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific; and (e) improving informal sector and informal employment measurement: the role of interregional cooperation.

5. In addition, ACPR was briefed regularly by the Executive Secretary on the work of the secretariat, including the outcome of her missions to ESCAP members and associate members and her attendance at major meetings.

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