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**Resolution adopted by the Economic and Social Commission
for Asia and the Pacific****75/8. Advancing science, technology and innovation for the
implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable
Development in Asia and the Pacific***The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,*

Recalling General Assembly resolution 66/288 of 27 July 2012, entitled “The future we want”, resolution 69/313 of 27 July 2015 on the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development and resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, in which the Assembly recognized, inter alia, the critical role of science, technology and innovation in promoting sustainable development, in particular in developing countries, and the significance of international cooperation in that regard,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 70/213 of 22 December 2015 on science, technology and innovation for development, in which the Assembly recognized the vital role that science, technology and innovation, including environmentally sound technologies, could play in development and in facilitating efforts to address global challenges, such as efforts to eradicate poverty, achieve food security and nutrition, enhance access to energy and increase energy efficiency, fight diseases, improve education, protect the environment, accelerate the pace of economic diversification, inclusion, growth and transformation, improve productivity and competitiveness and, ultimately, support sustainable development,

Recalling further resolution 71/1 of 29 May 2015 of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific on restructuring its conference structure to be fit for the evolving post-2015 development agenda, in which the Commission reconstituted the Committee on Information and Communications Technology as the Committee on Information and Communications Technology, Science, Technology and Innovation, in order to deal with the emerging issues, challenges and opportunities in the area of science, technology and innovation,

Reaffirming its resolution 72/12 of 19 May 2016, in which the Commission reiterated that science, technology and innovation were vital to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and that the Commission was one of the most suitable forums in the region to move

forward science, technology and innovation for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals,

Recognizing that in order to apply science, technology and innovation for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, member States are encouraged to, as appropriate, integrate the Goals into their national development strategies and then adopt national science, technology and innovation road maps, policies and strategies for the achievement of the Goals; invest in research and development; strengthen personnel capacity-building in the area of science, technology and innovation; and establish innovation incubator centres,

Recalling its resolution 72/12, in which the Commission invited member States to work further on convening the biennial Asia-Pacific Innovation Forum, and welcoming the 2019 Asia-Pacific Innovation Forum as a means to enhance and facilitate voluntary knowledge-sharing and collaboration and to encourage the participation of member States of the United Nations system and relevant stakeholders, as appropriate,

1. *Reaffirms* that the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific is one of the most suitable regional forums in the United Nations system for encouraging dialogue and cooperation among member States on science, technology and innovation policies, in particular through its Committee on Information and Communications Technology, Science, Technology and Innovation, in Asia and the Pacific;

2. *Encourages* member States to enhance North-South, South-South and triangular, regional and international cooperation to advance science, technology and innovation, including knowledge-sharing on voluntary and mutually agreed terms;

3. *Invites* member States to consider the development and adoption of national science, technology and innovation road maps, policies and strategies for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, as appropriate;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To raise awareness among member States of the science, technology and innovation dialogues taking place in various forums and international, regional and subregional organizations and frameworks, by acting as a bridge to facilitate cooperation and joint action when necessary;

(b) To encourage, through existing mechanisms, member States to promote public, public-private and civil society partnerships, as appropriate, in order to harness science, technology and innovation for inclusive and sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific;

(c) To assist member States with the process of developing and adopting science, technology and innovation road maps, policies and strategies for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in cooperation with relevant organizations of the United Nations development system and other organizations and frameworks, as appropriate;

5. *Calls upon* member States and the relevant organizations of the United Nations development system to support the Commission in harnessing science, technology and innovation for inclusive and sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific region through all mechanisms, as appropriate, to create a

conducive international environment for advancing science, technology and innovation;

6. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its seventy-seventh session on progress in the implementation of the present resolution.

*5th plenary meeting
31 May 2019*
