Draft report

I. Matters calling for action by the Commission or brought to its attention

A. Matters calling for action by the Commission

1. The following recommendation is brought to the attention of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific for its consideration and possible action:

Recommendation

The participants in the Third Asian and Pacific Energy Forum recommend that the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, at its eightieth session, endorse the Ministerial Declaration on Building a Secure, Sustainable and Interconnected Energy Future for Asia and the Pacific and support its implementation.

B. Matters brought to the attention of the Commission

2. The following decision adopted at the Third Forum is brought to the attention of the Commission:

Decision

The participants in the Third Asian and Pacific Energy Forum adopt the Ministerial Declaration on Building a Secure, Sustainable and Interconnected Energy Future for Asia and the Pacific.
II. Organization

A. Opening, duration and organization of the Third Forum

3. The Third Forum was held in Bangkok and online on 19 and 20 October 2023. The Third Forum was opened by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Energy of Thailand, Mr. Pirapan Salirathavibhaga. The Executive Secretary and the Vice-Chair of the Second Asian and Pacific Energy Forum made statements.

B. Attendance

4. Representatives of the following member States attended: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Fiji, France, Georgia, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Maldives, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Türkiye, Tuvalu, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Vanuatu and Viet Nam.

5. Representatives of the following associate members also attended: Cook Islands and Hong Kong, China.

6. Representatives of the following Permanent Observers attended: Belarus and Sweden.


8. Representatives of the following intergovernmental organizations also attended: ASEAN Centre for Energy, Asian Development Bank, Commonwealth of Independent States, Global Green Growth Institute and South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation.

9. Representatives of the following non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and other entities also attended: Clean Energy Ministerial, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia, Global Energy Interconnection Development and Cooperation Organization and Sustainable Energy for All.

10. In accordance with rule 12 of the Commission’s rules of procedure, the Chair and Vice-Chairs examined the credentials of the representatives of member States and reported upon them. The credentials of the representatives of 36 member States were found to be in order. Acknowledging the report of the Credentials Committee to the General Assembly at its seventy-seventh session,¹ and in line with Assembly resolution 396 (V) of 14 December 1950, the Chair and Vice-Chairs decided to defer any action on the credentials pertaining to the representatives of Myanmar at the Third Forum pending a decision by the Assembly on the representation of Myanmar.

¹ A/77/600.
11. The participants in the Third Forum took note of the oral report of the bureau on credentials.

C. Election of officers

12. The following officers were elected:

- **Chair:** Mr. Pirapan Salirathavibhaga (Thailand)
- **Vice-Chairs:** Mr. Shakti Bahadur Basnet (Nepal)
  Mr. Herath Hitihamilage Don Indika Anuruddha (Sri Lanka)
  Mr. Myagmarsuren Bayarmagnai (Mongolia)
  Mr. Manuchehr Safarzoda (Tajikistan)

D. Agenda

13. The following agenda was adopted:

1. Opening of the Third Asian and Pacific Energy Forum:
   (a) Opening addresses;
   (b) Election of officers;
   (c) Adoption of the agenda.

2. Policy perspectives on building a secure, sustainable and interconnected energy future for Asia and the Pacific.

3. Review of the work of the secretariat on energy since the third session of the Committee on Energy.

4. Other matters.

5. Adoption of the ministerial declaration on building a secure, sustainable and interconnected energy future for Asia and the Pacific.


E. Other events

14. The following meetings, seminars, side events and special sessions were held in conjunction with the Third Forum:

   (a) 16 October 2023: side event entitled “Moving towards competitive markets for cross-border multilateral electricity trading: experiences in South and South-East Asia”;
   (b) 16 and 17 October 2023: inaugural international conference of the International Society for Energy Transition Studies;
   (c) 17 October 2023: twelfth meeting of the Expert Working Group on Energy Connectivity;
   (d) 17 October 2023: policy dialogue on the electrification of public transport in the Asia-Pacific region;
(e) 18 October 2023: government-business dialogue on the role of natural gas in the energy transition;


(g) 18 October 2023: policy dialogue on the phasing down of coal in the Asia-Pacific region;

(h) 20 October 2023: side event entitled “Aligning power system connectivity and sustainable development: the green power corridor framework”.

III. Account of proceedings

15. The discussions held during the Third Forum will be summarized in an account of proceedings that will become available within a week following the conclusion of the Third Forum and be annexed to the present report.
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