

Resolution

2011/14

Promoting regional cooperation for enhanced energy security and the sustainable use of energy in Asia and the Pacific

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of resolution 67/2, adopted at the sixty-seventh session of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, annexed to the present resolution, in which it, inter alia, requests the Executive Secretary to convene in 2013 the Asian and Pacific Energy Forum at the ministerial level to discuss the progress achieved in the Asia-Pacific region in addressing the energy security challenges at the regional, national and household levels and to facilitate continuous dialogue among member States with a view to enhancing energy security and working towards sustainable development,

Endorses Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific resolution 67/2 on promoting regional cooperation for enhanced energy security and the sustainable use of energy in Asia and the Pacific, as set out in the annex to the present resolution.

*42nd plenary meeting
25 July 2011*

Annex

67/2. Promoting regional cooperation for enhanced energy security and the sustainable use of energy in Asia and the Pacific

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

Recalling the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (“Johannesburg Plan of Implementation”),¹ in particular those parts which concern energy, and General Assembly resolution 65/151 of 20 December 2010, in which the Assembly decided to declare 2012 the International Year of Sustainable Energy for All,

Recalling also its resolutions 63/6, on the implementation of intercountry energy cooperation to enhance energy security for sustainable development with a view to widening access to energy services in least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States, and 64/3 on promoting renewable sources of energy for energy security and sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific,

¹ *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August–4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 2, annex.

Taking note of the Ministerial Declaration on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific, 2010,² adopted by the sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific on 2 October 2010,

Recognizing that energy security is a key development issue for all countries in the Asia-Pacific region, in particular for the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States,

Recognizing also that nearly 1 billion people in the Asia-Pacific region today do not have access to modern affordable energy services,

Emphasizing the need to improve access to reliable, affordable and environmentally sound energy resources for the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals,

Recognizing that energy demand in the Asia-Pacific region is rising faster than in other regions and is projected to almost double by the year 2030 and that fossil fuels are likely to remain the main source of energy for meeting that demand,

Expressing concern that volatile oil prices may threaten the region's nascent recovery from the global economic crisis and its prospects for achieving the Millennium Development Goals by 2015,

Recognizing the potential of various new and renewable energy technologies to meet the challenges presented by unmet energy demand,

Expressing appreciation for the work of the secretariat of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in promoting subregional energy cooperation with a view to enhancing energy security and sustainable development,

Welcoming the ongoing efforts of Governments to promote regional and interregional cooperation for enhanced energy security and sustainable use of energy resources,

1. *Calls upon* all members and associate members to further promote regional cooperation in addressing energy security challenges and to formulate and implement coherent energy policies based on comprehensive assessments of their environmental and social impacts;

2. *Urges* members and associate members, as appropriate, to give due attention to supply-side constraints, the management of energy demand and the consequences of price volatility and potential disruptions to energy supply;

3. *Calls upon* members and associate members to cooperate proactively in the development and deployment of cost-effective new and renewable energy technologies and to promote cooperation in increasing energy efficiency, in particular, in the context of South-South cooperation;

4. *Encourages* all members and associate members to develop and strengthen efficient policy and regulatory structures at the national and subnational levels that will encourage private sector investment in energy products;

² E/ESCAP/67/8, chap. I, sect. A.

5. *Also encourages* members and associate members to actively engage the private sector in order to enhance investments, to generate innovations and to take a leadership role as a partner in creating a sustainable energy future;

6. *Invites* Governments, donor countries, relevant United Nations bodies, agencies, international and subregional organizations, international and regional financial institutions, as well as the private sector and civil society, to actively consider contributing towards the implementation of the present resolution;

7. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To strengthen the role and capacity of the secretariat of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in the area of energy security;

(b) To ensure effective coordination with other United Nations bodies and agencies, in particular through UN-Energy, and with multilateral agencies and subregional organizations in working towards enhancing the capacity of States members of the Commission;

(c) To collaborate effectively with development partners in order to mobilize financial and technical support to promote regional cooperation for enhanced energy security;

(d) To assist members and associate members in meeting their energy security challenges through: (i) the collaborative development of energy security scenarios; and (ii) the organization of meetings and regional networking arrangements aimed at promoting the exchange of experiences and information;

(e) To convene, in 2013, the Asian and Pacific Energy Forum at the ministerial level to discuss the progress achieved in the Asia-Pacific region in addressing the energy security challenges at the regional, national and household levels and to facilitate continuous dialogue among member States with a view to enhancing energy security and working towards sustainable development;

(f) To report to the Commission at its seventieth session on the progress in the implementation of the present resolution.