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## Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific Committee on Social Development

### Sixth session

Bangkok, 20 and 21 October 2020

Agenda item 5

### Adoption of the report of the Committee on its sixth session

## Draft report

### I. Matters brought to the attention of the Commission

1. The following decisions adopted by the Committee on Social Development are brought to the attention of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP):

#### Decision 1

The Committee endorses the Action Plan to Strengthen Regional Cooperation on Social Protection in Asia and the Pacific.

#### Decision 2

The Committee endorses the Asia-Pacific Indicator Framework for Monitoring Progress towards the Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and of the Commitments Contained in the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development subject to the following clarifications: (a) the title of the Asia-Pacific Indicator Framework is to be changed to “Asia-Pacific Indicator Framework for Voluntary Monitoring of Progress towards the Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and of the Commitments Contained in the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development”; and (b) in tables 1 and 3, thematic area C is to be changed to “Sexual and reproductive health, services and reproductive rights”.

### II. Organization

#### A. Opening, duration and organization of the session

2. The Committee held its sixth session in Bangkok on 20 and 21 October 2020, both in person and online. The session was opened by the Executive Secretary of ESCAP. The Chair of the sixth session of the Committee made a statement.

**B. Attendance**

3. The Committee session was attended by representatives of the following members and associate members: Afghanistan; Armenia; Australia; Azerbaijan; Bangladesh; Bhutan; Cambodia; China; Democratic People's Republic of Korea; India; Indonesia; Iran (Islamic Republic of); Japan; Kazakhstan; Malaysia; Maldives; Mongolia; Myanmar; Nepal; Pakistan; Philippines; Republic of Korea; Russian Federation; Sri Lanka; Tajikistan; Thailand; Timor-Leste; Turkmenistan; and Viet Nam.

4. Representatives of the following United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and funds attended: International Labour Organization (ILO); and United Nations Population Fund.

5. Representatives of the following non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations and other entities attended: Asia Pacific Alliance for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights; Asia Pacific Coalition on Male Sexual Health; Asian Population Association; Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women; and International Federation of Social Workers.

**C. Election of officers**

6. The Committee elected the following officers:

Chair: Ms. Samantha K. Jayasuriya (Sri Lanka)

Vice-Chair: Ms. Suzilah Binti Mohd Sidek (Malaysia)

**D. Agenda**

7. The Committee adopted the following agenda:

1. Opening of the session:
  - (a) Opening statements;
  - (b) Election of officers;
  - (c) Adoption of the agenda.
2. Consideration of the draft action plan to strengthen regional cooperation on social protection in Asia and the Pacific.
3. Consideration of the draft Asia-Pacific indicator framework for monitoring progress towards the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and of the commitments contained in the Asian and Pacific Ministerial Declaration on Population and Development.
4. Other matters.
5. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its sixth session.

**E. Other events**

8. The side event entitled “Regional conversation series on building back better: social protection – a right for all or privilege for a few?” was co-organized with ILO and held on 15 October 2020 in conjunction with the Committee session.

## Annex

### List of documents

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