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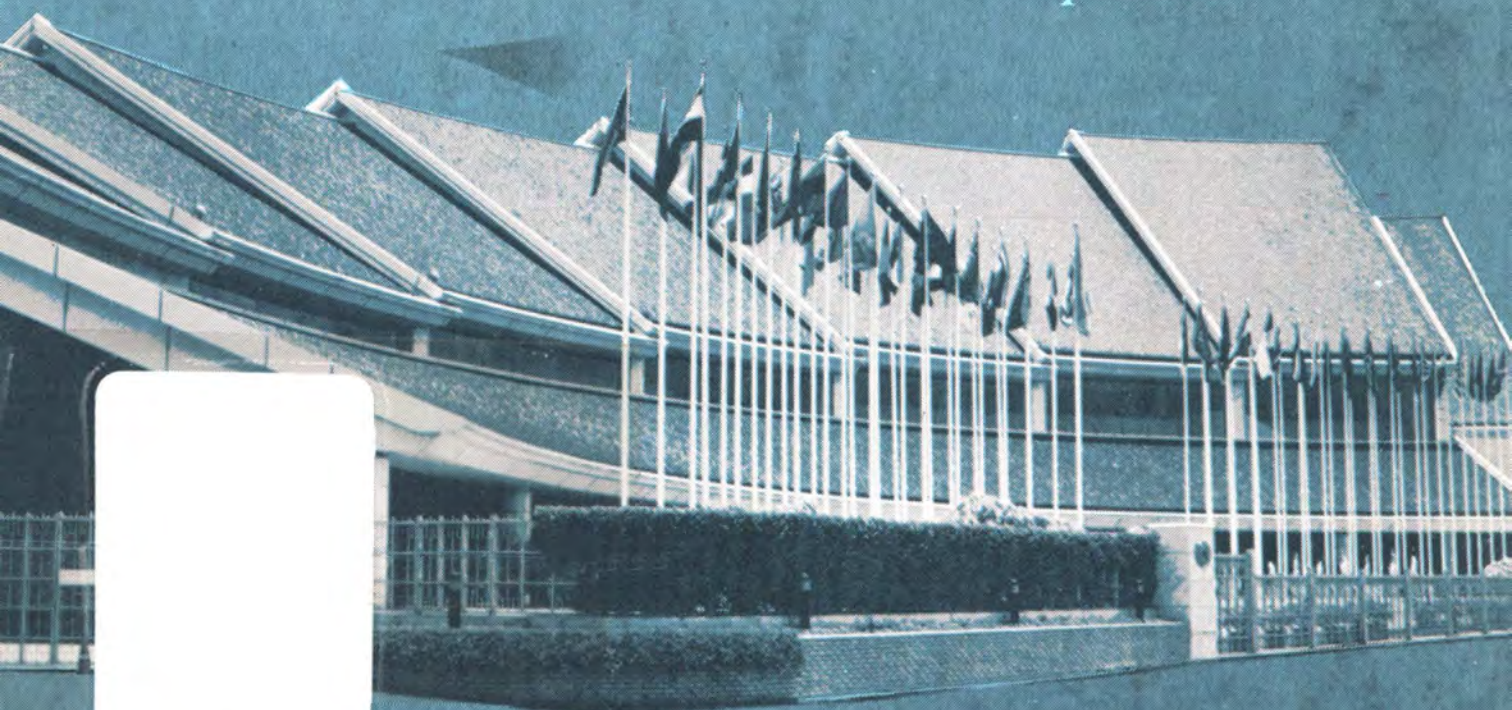
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Foreword

One of the main functions of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) is the production and dissemination of information on a variety of subjects affecting the social and economic life of the region. To ensure that this information reaches as wide an audience as possible ESCAP through the United Nations Information Services (UNIS) works closely with a broad spectrum of journalists in the print, radio and television media.

This Media Handbook is one more effort by UNIS to both enhance the visibility of ESCAP activities in the region and make it easier for media persons to carry out such coverage. While I hope that most of your questions will be answered by the Handbook, please be assured that UNIS will be pleased to assist you in supplying any further information you may require.

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ESCAP: An Introduction

The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific (ESCAP), located in Bangkok, Thailand, is the main economic and social development centre within the United Nations system in the Asia-Pacific region. In terms of area covered and people served, ESCAP, is the largest of the United Nations' five regional commissions. It comprises fifty-one Members and nine Associate Members representing over 60 per cent of the world's population, or 3.5 billion people.

While other regional commissions of the United Nations operate side by side with active regional groupings such as the Organization of African Unity or the Organization of American States, ESCAP is the only intergovernmental forum covering the entire Asian and Pacific region. ESCAP also provides an additional channel for North-South dialogue because of the membership of four non-regional developed countries i.e., the United States of America, France, United Kingdom and the Netherlands.

ESCAP's main aim is to promote economic activity and social progress in the developing countries of the Asia and Pacific region. With its vast reservoir of experts in various disciplines, ESCAP works as a 'think tank', problem solver and catalyst for long-term social and economic development of the region. Among other tasks, ESCAP experts carry out:

- * Direct advisory services to governments
- * Training and sharing of regional experiences
- * Information dissemination through meetings, seminars and publications
- * Building of inter-country networks for regional cooperation

ESCAP liaises closely with other bodies and specialized agencies in the United Nations family.

The Commission

The main legislative organ of ESCAP is the Commission, composed of ESCAP Members and Associate Members. The Commission meets annually, at the ministerial level, to provide a forum for all the governments in the region to review and discuss economic and social issues in order to promote and strengthen regional cooperation. The Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and other Representatives designated by Members of the Commission (ACPR), meets every month to advise and exchange views with the secretariat on the Commission's work.

The Commission maintains close cooperation and consultation between the member countries and the secretariat. Five legislative committees and two special bodies guide the Commission's work and make recommendations in accordance with ten subprogrammes. The Commission reports to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

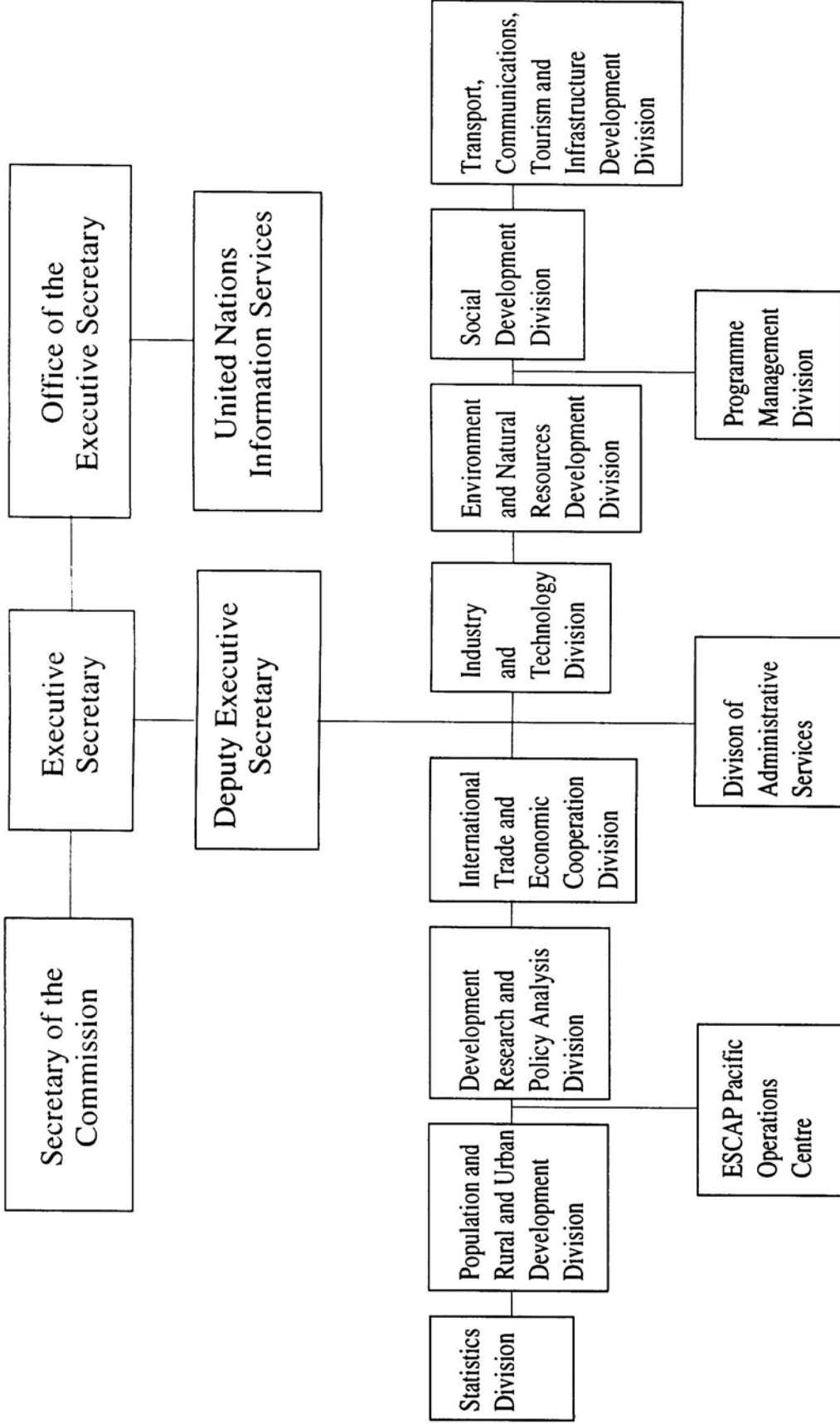
The Commission's five Legislative Committees are:

- 1) Committee on Regional Economic Cooperation;
- 2) Committee on Socio-economic Measures to Alleviate Poverty in Rural and Urban Areas;
- 3) Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Development;
- 4) Committee on Transport, Communications, Tourism and Infrastructure Development;
- 5) Committee on Statistics.

The two Special Bodies are:

- 1) Special Body on Least Developed and Landlocked Developing Countries;
- 2) Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries.

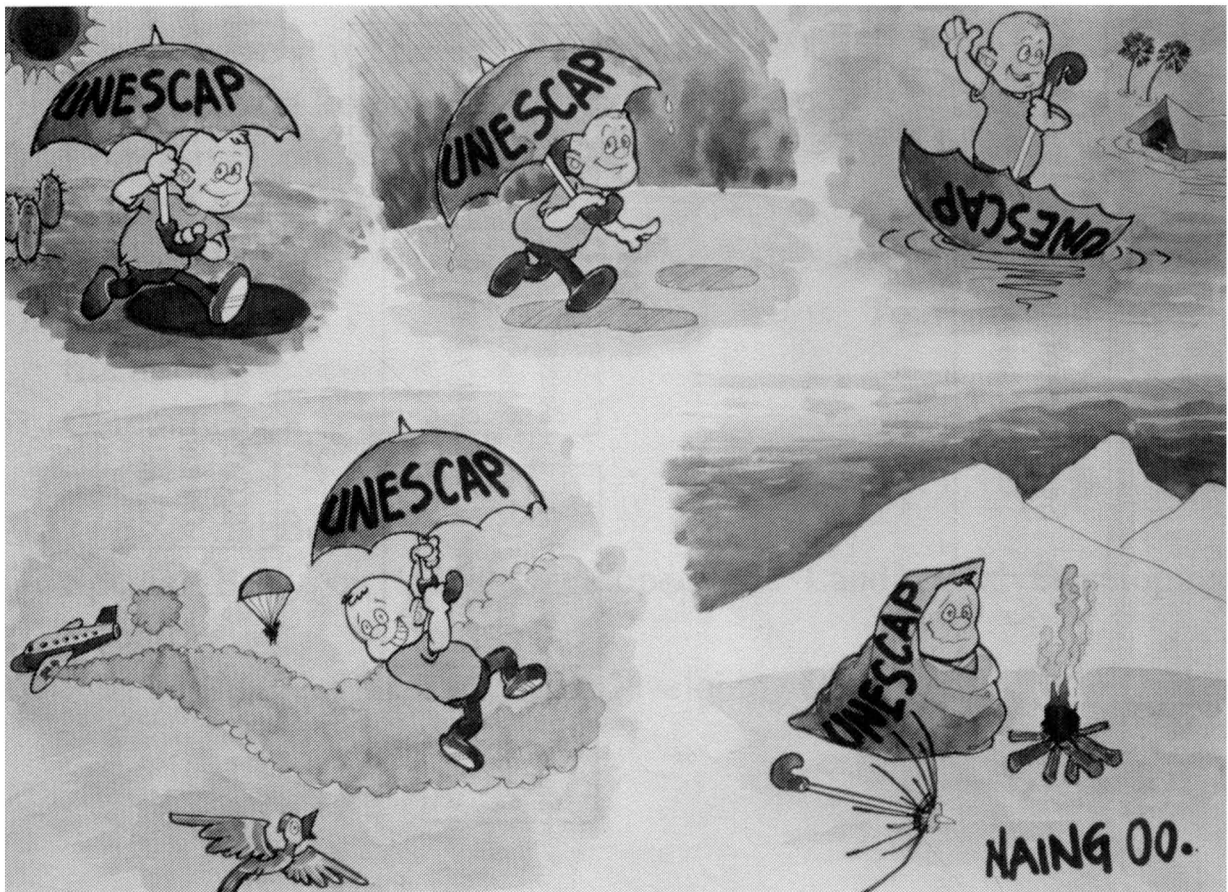
The ESCAP Secretariat



The ESCAP secretariat

Seven hundred dedicated international and local staff make up the ESCAP secretariat which is headed by an Executive Secretary. They ensure the high quality of work in eight substantive and two servicing Divisions, which carry out the tasks of the Commission. The substantive Divisions are responsible for the implementation of ten different subprogrammes in the daily work of ESCAP.

Since January 1996, the ESCAP secretariat has been undergoing a restructuring process as part of overall United Nations internal reform efforts. The functions of some previously existing divisions have been merged while some others are in the process of merger by the year 2000, all with the objective of enabling the secretariat to respond more effectively through multi-disciplinary and intersectoral action to the changing economic and social needs of members and associate members.



ESCAP Members Profile

Country or area and region	Mid-1999 Population (thousands)	Annual* growth rate (percentage)	Crude birth rate (per1,000)	Crude death rate (per1,000)	Total fertility rate (per woman)	Infant mortality rate (per1,000)	Life expectancy at birth (years)	
							males	females
ESCAP	3,693,014	1.2	20.3	8.0	2.5	54	66	69
EAST AND NORTH-EAST ASIA	1,474,060	0.8	15.2	7.0	1.8	36	69	74
SOUTH EAST ASIA	516,401	1.6	22.6	7.3	2.7	43	65	69
SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST ASIA	1,459,548	1.7	25.7	8.6	3.2	70	63	64
NORTH AND CENTRAL ASIA	212,806	0.1	13.8	12.0	1.8	30	62	73
PACIFIC	30,199	1.3	17.3	7.7	2.3	23	72	77

* Exponential growth rate. The rate takes into account international migration, and thus may not equal the rate of natural increase.

Source: Population and Development Indicators for Asia and the Pacific, 1999

Where to get your information

Office of the Executive Secretary (OES) facilitates the exercise of supervisory responsibility by the Executive Secretary. Among its functions OES coordinates the preparation of the provisional agenda and documentation for the meetings of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies. Other functions include assisting the Chairman of the Commission in the conduct of meetings and provide secretariat services to the Commission; review draft documents and ensure their timely submission to the Commission and maintain close contact with members of the Commission, the secretariat of the Economic and Social Council and other relevant entities.

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International Trade and Economic Cooperation Division (ITECD) assists the developing countries to participate more substantially in intra-regional trade and investment flows. It reviews policy issues related to the expansion of both intra regional and international trade. The Division also undertakes trade promotion activities to improve trade performance, particularly of economies in transition, least developed and island developing countries of the region. It helps to promote exports and trade-related investments as well as to introduce micro-level efficiencies with particular emphasis on small and medium-scale enterprises.

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Development Research and Policy Analysis Division (DRPAD) provides analytical and research input for the work of ESCAP and undertakes in-depth studies on the region's socio-economic development issues and policies. The Division prepares the annual *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific* and publishes biannually the *Asia-Pacific Development Journal* as well as *Development Papers* on selected development issues.

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Environment and Natural Resources Development Division (ENRDD) works towards strengthening national capacities in achieving environmentally sound development. This is done through the integration of environmental considerations into development policies and programmes; promotion of sustainable energy production and consumption policies; wider applications of space technologies for environmental monitoring and natural resources management; and capacity building for natural disaster mitigation and prevention.

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Social Development Division (SOC) formulates social policies and programmes to alleviate poverty and promote human resources development in the ESCAP region. It promotes the integration into society of marginalized groups, namely the poor, disabled persons, the aged, and former juvenile and criminal offenders. It also promotes the full integration of women in development.

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Population and Rural and Urban Development Division (PRUDD) works to create policies and programmes to enhance agricultural growth and rural development and to improve the quality of life in human settlements by strengthening national institutions. It also promotes integrated approaches to population planning and assists countries in creating policies and implementing programmes. Special consideration is given to the environment, poverty and sustainable development.

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Transport, Communications, Tourism and Infrastructure Development Division (TCTID) helps countries of the region to develop transport networks of regional and interregional importance and improve their transport and communication services. It gives advice on how to derive socio-economic benefits from the orderly development of tourism, while minimizing its adverse effects.

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The Statistics Division (STATS) helps countries plan and administer their economies more by efficiently increasing their statistical capacity and improving their demographic, social, economic and other statistics. It collects, processes and disseminates data on the region, and fosters the use of modern technology in the public sector.

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Industry and Technology Division (ITD) promotes industrialization and development of technological capabilities of developing countries *inter alia* with a focus on small and medium industries in the least developed, land-locked, and Pacific island developing countries and territories. For other developing countries, it accords priority to activities related to industrial restructuring, the promotion of industrial complementarities among subgroups of countries, improving competitiveness of the region's manufacturing industries and investment-related technology transfer.

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Division of Administrative Services (ADM) provides administrative and support services to the various components and staff of ESCAP within the framework of the system-wide administrative instructions and guidelines set by the Organization.

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Programme Management Division (PMD) provides substantive and secretariat services to the Commission, its subsidiary bodies and the monthly meetings of the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission. Programming functions include planning, monitoring the implementation, reporting and evaluating the programme of work of the secretariat as well as management of technical cooperation programmes and mobilization of extra budgetary resources.

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The ESCAP Pacific Operations Centre (EPOC), based in Port Vila, Vanuatu since 1984, provides technical assistance on request to the 19 island countries and territories in the South Pacific sub-region. The areas of expertise covered by EPOC are economic development and planning; port and harbour development; social and policy development; fiscal, monetary, exchange rate policies and institutional development.

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The Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology (APCTT) is a regional institution of ESCAP based in New Delhi, India. The Centre was set up in 1977 with the objective of facilitating technology transfer in the Asia-Pacific region. Its programmes are coordinated with national focal points designated by the governments of member countries with host facilities provided by the Government of India. The Centre identifies and promotes the development and transfer of technologies relevant to the region. The emphasis is on the promotion and transfer of environmentally sound technologies to small- and medium-scale enterprises.

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Regional Co-ordination Centre for Research and Development of Coarse Grains, Pulses, Roots and Tuber Crops in the Humid Tropics of Asia and the Pacific (CGPRT Centre) was set up in 1981. It is dedicated to diversifying and increasing food supplies in the region. Located at Bogor, Indonesia, the Centre initiates and promotes research, conducts training and disseminates information on the socio-economic and related aspects of CGPRT crops in Asia and Pacific. Its activities are geared towards serving the needs of institutes concerned with research and

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Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP) was established in 1970 by a number of governments of countries in the region, as an autonomous organization operating under the aegis of ESCAP, with support from the United Nations Development Programme. Since a wide range of reliable statistics is essential for effective development planning, the Institute provides assistance to developing countries mainly through the training of their statisticians. Among its objectives are the improvement of statistical standards in the region, training of statisticians, promotion of research and provision of advisory services.

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Updating your information:

ESCAP publishes well-researched reports and journals on the following topics: energy, environment, human resources development, human settlements, industry and technology, information technology, mineral resources, population, poverty alleviation, rural development, social development, space technology, statistics, tourism, trade and investment, transport, urban development, water resources and women in development among other issues.

The main publication of ESCAP is the *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific* which is launched annually. It analyses major economic and social trends and serves as the main document for the Commission sessions. The Survey may be obtained at the United Nations Library, ESCAP, Bangkok.

Selected list of ESCAP publications and journals

Regional economic cooperation:

Asia-Pacific Development Journal
 Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific
 TISNET Trade and Investment Information Bulletin

Environment and sustainable development:

ESCAP Energy News
 Asia-Pacific Remote Sensing and GIS Journal

Poverty alleviation through economic growth and social development:

Asia-Pacific Population Journal
 Asia-Pacific POPIN Bulletin

Transport and communications:

ESCAP Tourism Newsletter

Transport and Communication Bulletin for Asia and the Pacific

Asia-Pacific Road Accident Statistics and Road Safety Inventory

Statistics:

Asia-Pacific in Figures

Foreign Trade Statistics of Asia and the Pacific

Least developed, landlocked and island developing countries:

Enhancing Cooperation in Trade and Investment between Pacific Island Countries and Economies of East and South-east Asia

Requests for ESCAP publications

The United Nations Library, ESCAP, Bangkok publishes catalogues of titles and information materials which can be ordered directly from ESCAP. Its web site at <www.unescap.org/unis/pub> also lists publications. Publications include journals, monographs, research reports, meeting/proceedings reports, bibliographies, directories and manuals. Most of the publications are available free of charge or with nominal charges for postage and handling. Requests for publications should be sent directly to the divisions concerned, or, when a sales number is present, to the ESCAP secretariat in Bangkok, United Nations Headquarters in New York or the United Nations Office in Geneva. For this purpose the following addresses will be useful:

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ESCAP Bibliographic Information System (EBIS)

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ESCAP Web Site <<http://www.unescap.org>>

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Press Suite

Working space for journalists is provided at the Press Suite located on the ground floor of the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC). The Press Suite, which offers spacious rooms and an attached coffee bar, is well equipped with computers, typewriters and telecom facilities for journalists to use. Internet facilities can be availed of at the United Nations Library on the first floor of the United Nations secretariat building, on showing your media accreditation card.

The Press Suite and the UNIS office, on the second floor of the secretariat building, are the focal points for distribution of press releases and other relevant information to journalists covering important conferences and meetings at the UNCC. Press conferences are held from time to time in the Theatre opposite the Press Suite.

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List of United Nations related acronyms

CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women
CFA	Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes
CHR	Centre for Human Rights, Geneva
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species
CND	Commission on Narcotic Drugs
DPI	Department of Public Information, New York
DPKO	Department of Peace-Keeping Operations
ECA	Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa
ECE	Economic Commission for Europe, Geneva
ECLAC	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Santiago
ECOSOC	Economic and Social Council
ESCAP	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
ESCWA	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, Beirut
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency, Geneva
ICJ	International Court of Justice, Hague
IMO	International Maritime Organization
INCB	International Narcotics Control Board
IOM	International Organization for Migration
ITC	International Trade Centre
OIOS	Office of Internal Oversight Services
UNCDF	United Nations Capital Development Fund
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDOF	United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

UNEF	United Nations Emergency Force
UNFDAC	United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control
UNFSDT	United Nations Fund for Science and Technology for Development
UNICRI	United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute
UNDIR	United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research
UNITAR	United Nations Institute for Training and Research
UNGLS	United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service
UNOG	United Nations Office at Geneva
UNOV	United Nations Office at Vienna
UNPREDEP	United Nations Preventive Development Force
UNPROFOR	United Nations Protection Force
UNRISD	United Nations Research Institute for Social Development
UNRWA	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
UNSCOM	United Nations Special Commission
UNTAG	United Nations Transitions Assistance Group
UNTSO	United Nations Truce Supervision Organization
UNU	United Nations University
UNV	United Nations Volunteer Programme
UPU	Universal Postal Union
WFP	World Food Programme

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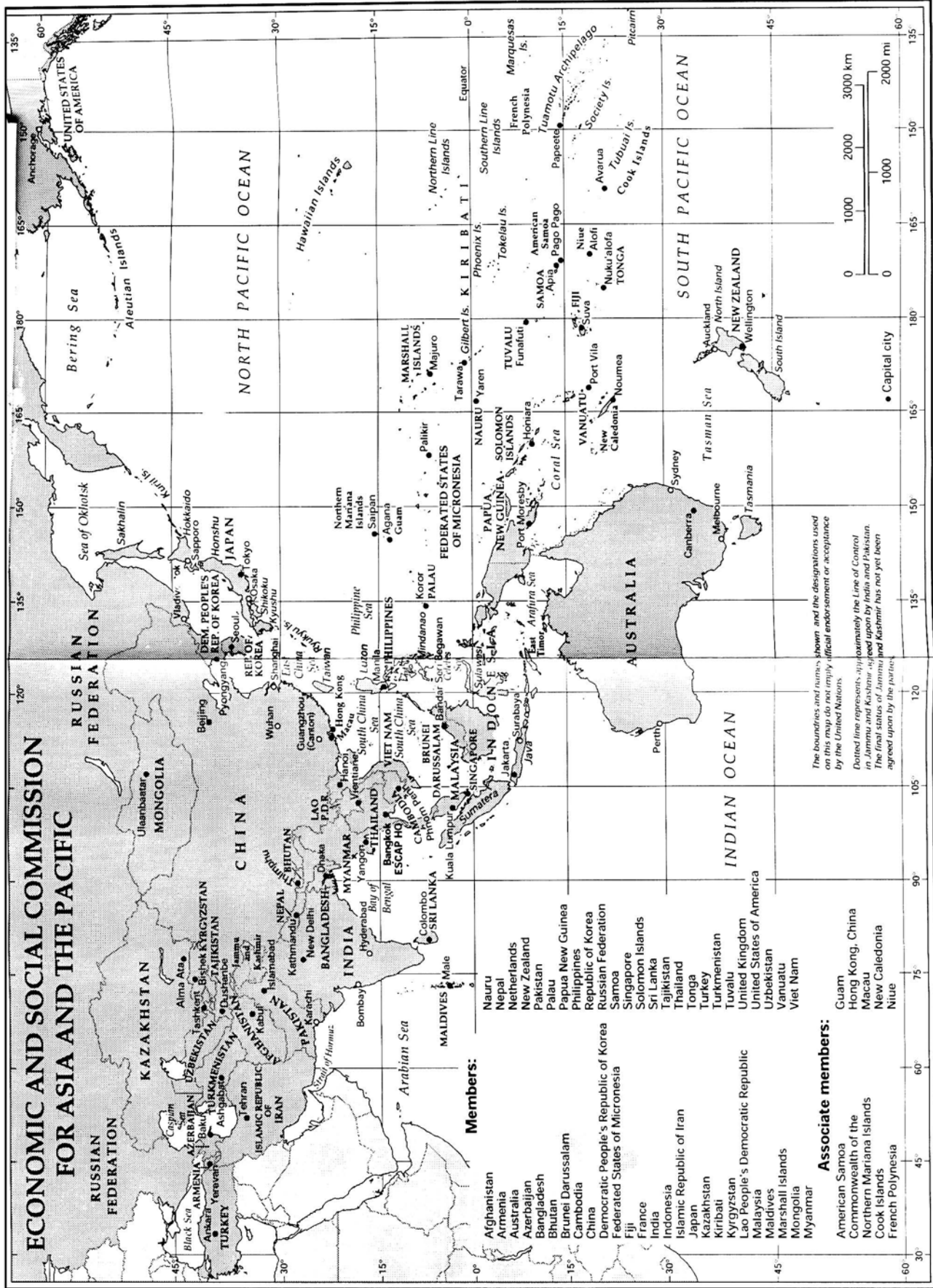
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