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**Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific****Seventy-fourth session**  
Agenda item 3 (h)**Resolution adopted by the Economic and Social Commission  
for Asia and the Pacific****74/8. Accelerating the implementation of the Regional Action  
Framework on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia  
and the Pacific**

*The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”,

*Recalling also* resolution 71/14 of 29 May 2015 of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific on the Asian and Pacific Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Decade, 2015–2024, in which it endorsed the Ministerial Declaration to “Get Every One in the Picture” in Asia and the Pacific,<sup>1</sup> adopted by the Ministerial Conference on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific, held in Bangkok from 24 to 28 November 2014,

*Recognizing* the progress made by members and associate members of the Commission to improve their civil registration and vital statistics systems through the implementation of the Regional Action Framework on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific,<sup>2</sup>

*Noting with appreciation* the work of the Regional Steering Group for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific to support members and associate members in the implementation of the Regional Action Framework,

*Taking note* of the report on the Regional Steering Group for Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific on its third meeting,<sup>3</sup>

*Noting* that despite considerable progress, many members and associate members face challenges and therefore strengthened coordination is needed to

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<sup>1</sup> Resolution 71/14, annex, sect. A.

<sup>2</sup> Resolution 71/14, annex, sect. B.

<sup>3</sup> ESCAP/74/25.

accelerate improvements to ensure that the goals of the Asian and Pacific Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Decade are met,

*Noting also* that well-functioning civil registration and vital statistics systems are crucial for advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals,

*Emphasizing* the urgent need to improve civil registration and vital statistics systems for sustainable and inclusive development in the region,

1. *Reiterates* the commitment of members and associate members to the Regional Action Framework on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific;<sup>2</sup>

2. *Decides* to convene a second Ministerial Conference on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific in 2020 to review the midterm progress in the implementation of the Regional Action Framework;

3. *Encourages* members and associate members to further strengthen coordination, monitoring and knowledge-sharing to improve civil registration and vital statistics systems in their countries;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To continue to support members and associate members, including through technical assistance upon request, in the implementation of the Regional Action Framework;

(b) To support the convening of a second Ministerial Conference on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific in 2020, as appropriate;

(c) To report to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its seventy-seventh session on progress in the implementation of the present resolution.

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