At its 34th plenary meeting, on 18 July 1997, the Economic and Social Council endorsed the following recommendations of the Fourteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific:

(a) That the Fifteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific should be convened for five working days in mid-2000, with a primary focus on the continued and strengthened contribution of surveying, mapping and charting to the implementation of Agenda 21; 15

(b) To request the Secretary-General to take measures, where appropriate and within available resources, to implement the other recommendations made by the Fourteenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific; in particular, the United Nations should continue to support surveying, mapping and charting activities in the Asia and Pacific region and, inter alia, continue, within available resources, to facilitate the participation of the least developed countries and the small island developing States of the region.