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## **Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### **Poverty and Development: Housing for the Urban Poor**

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific presents the report on the topic of Housing for the Urban Poor and is satisfied with the approval of the report with a few exceptions. First and foremost, the commission asserts that this topic is primarily a humanitarian issue which needs to be addressed without discrimination. The working papers that have been submitted reflect this, and the fact that the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) feels strongly for this topic and believes in multiple solutions to solve the problem of housing the urban poor.

The first chapter includes the agreements and concerns expressed by the body on similar issues and methods of implementation regarding the needs of poor persons. The commission agreed upon the attainment of the self-sustainability of the nations seeking support and aid.

The second chapter includes the stance of each Member State, as well as the working papers that have been submitted to the commission for approval. The working papers address the importance of eradicating poverty and improving the lives of slum dwellers, as outlined in the Millennium Development Goals. The working papers also includes the need for international cooperation, especially between developed and developing nations.

The third chapter states that this report was adopted by consensus.

This commission thanks the Economic and Social Council for considering this report, as well as the Member States for submitting their input.