



American Model United Nations
**Economic and Social Commission for Asia and
the Pacific**

ESCAP/I/1

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Enhancing regional economic cooperation and integration in Asia
and the Pacific

SUBMITTED TO: The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,

1 *Emphasizing* the importance of international trade in continuing and growing cooperation between Asian
2 and Pacific economies,

3 1. *Suggests* the creation of the Asian Trade Zone (ATZ) to reduce barriers to trade and movement in order
4 to facilitate economic cooperation and growth through mutually beneficial trade by:

- 5 (a) Establishing Zone-wide tariff ceilings to be determined by the larger ECOSOC committee by;
- 6 (i) Creating an ATZ Goods Certification that verifies that country of origin of any transported
7 product is an ATZ nation, thus allowing it to pass more easily through borders and avoid tariffs in
8 excess of the ceiling;
- 9 (ii) Designing ATZ Passports that allow expedited cross-border movement to be produced by the
10 member states with such power and that will work by specifying, in addition to normal passports;
- 11 A. ATZ State of residence;
- 12 B. ATZ State of employment;
- 13 C. Registered employer or employers which must be approved by the ATZ;
- 14 D. Hours of employment and allowed hours of border crossing;
- 15 E. Special Economic Zone membership and advantages granted by such Special Economic Zone;
- 16 (b) Creating the Workers for a United Asia and Pacific network through which ATZ nation businesses
17 can seek international employees and citizens can seek employment;
- 18 (i) Creating a centralized office in which corporations or nations can submit detailed requests for
19 workers including skills and education specifications;
- 20 (ii) Allowing such requests to have time limits;
- 21 (c) Establishing a framework in which special economic zones can be established by;
- 22 (i) Allowing ATZ nations to form sub-zones based on cultural or economic similarities that allow for
23 further reduction in barriers to trade or movement;
- 24 (ii) Creating Special Economic Zone designations for goods and workers;
- 25 (d) Establishes a Special Economic Zone with the particular purpose of supporting ecological efforts
26 and fair trade such that countries will receive even lower tariffs if they meet designated standards of ecological
27 investment;
- 28 (e) Encourages currently existing trade zones such as Association of South East Asian Nations,
29 Eastern Seaboard and Meikong to integrate within the ATZ umbrella;
- 30 2. *Encourages* effective foreign direct investment by suggesting that nations with large amounts of capital
31 invest in long term infrastructure by:
- 32 (a) Facilitating meetings between investor and investee nations to discuss potential investments;
- 33 (b) Creating incentives for FDI that is directed at long term infrastructure such as tax reductions;

34 (c) Encouraging nations to increase transparency in currency and trade policy to reduce the risk
35 involved with investment in them.

Passed, Yes: 19 / No: 4 / Abstain: 5