

Agenda Item 5. Final review of the conference structure of the Commission, including its subsidiary structure, pursuant to resolutions 64/1 and 67/15

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1. The paragraph 40 in the final review describes that the Commission may wish to study further the recommendation that the governing councils and technical committees of regional institutions be merged into one steering committee to be chaired by the host country, and that it would report to the relevant committees.

However, regional institutions have their respective management situations and also they have differences in the state of the activities of their Governing Councils. Therefore, at discussions and determinations on whether a host country would serve as a chair of a steering committee as well as the current reporting arrangements would be changed or not, the opinions of each governing council and EACAP committee concerned should be fully respected.

2. When it comes to the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific, SIAP, in the meetings of the Committee on Statistics and the SIAP Governing Council in last December, member countries had substantial discussions and the reports which ^{compiled the reports} were endorsed yesterday ^{These reports} include results of such discussions at these meetings have been just approved under the agenda 3 (h) at this Commission Session.

Respecting the conclusions described in these reports (the paragraph 6 of II in the report of the Committee on Statistics and the paragraph 12 in the report of the SIAP Governing Council) the current reporting arrangements, whereby the Governing Council of SIAP, a specialized organization to review administration and financial status, reports to the Commission should be maintained.

3. Concerning the paragraph 44, when reviewing the recommendation to further integrate the regional institutions into the subprogrammes, it is necessary to ensure that this integration would not impose further financial burden to the regional institutions nor make the operations of regional institutions less efficient.

(Statement by the Delegation of JAPAN)
