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Before commenting on review of the Conference Structure of the Commission, let me briefly look at the work of ESCAP. ESCAP as a regional commission is bringing its member countries together, shaping policies for inclusive and sustainable development, producing a large number of documents. Let me specifically mention two important documents – i.e. Building resilience to natural disasters and major economic crises as well as Economic and Social Survey for the Asia and Pacific 2013 – are indeed guiding tools for the policy makers and researchers in Asia-Pacific. ESCAP has also organized numerous training programmes, which have benefited a large number of officials and policy makers in Asia Pacific region.

Let me also recognize the efforts of Dr. Noeleen Heyzer making the ESCAP a vibrant and true representative of the region.

This is in line with these efforts and objectives that ESCAP has taken a major step in reviewing conference structure of the commission. Dr. Hefeez Pasha and his team has come up with specific recommendations to further improve the working and objectivity of the ESCAP for member states and to run its resolutions more specific and implementable. We support the process and hope that after implementation of recommendations of review committee, ESCAP would definitely become a leading and true representative of member countries leading them to inclusive, resilient and sustainable development for betterment of the humanity.