

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

Taking advantage of the fifteenth anniversary of the establishment of the Commission, and being convinced of the importance of the mission it performs in the service of economic and social development in the region of Western Asia,

Taking note of the report issued in February 1989 on the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia prepared by the Joint Inspection Unit^{1/} and of the views put forward in the report as to the benefits that could be derived from further development of the Commission as an effective tool for regional co-operation and economic development in the member States,

1. Decides:

(a) To invite member States to set up an advisory body comprising the heads of their diplomatic missions in Iraq to assist the Executive Secretary in the study of problems connected with the work of the Commission;

(b) To invite member States and institutions of the region to make optimum use of the Commission as a medium for co-operation, co-ordination, operational research and project execution in the economic and social fields;

(c) To invite member States and regional funds and institutions to make the necessary financial contributions and to sponsor some of the projects which the secretariat is carrying out, so as to enable it to follow up present and future issues in member States;

(d) To invite member States to encourage competent nationals of their countries to serve in the secretariat and to second some of their civil servants for service in the secretariat, in accordance with arrangements to be agreed upon and pursuant to its resolution 161(XIV) of 5 April 1987 on human and financial resources: vacancies in the secretariat;

2. Requests the United Nations Secretariat to give effect to General Assembly resolution 39/243 of 18 December 1984 on the staff and administrative questions of the Economic Commission for Western Asia and to take into account the circumstances of the secretariat relating to staff reductions;

3. Requests the Executive Secretary to prepare, in consultation with the member States, a report containing proposals and recommendations for the strengthening of the role and performance of the Commission and to submit this report to the Commission at its sixteenth session for its consideration and for the adoption of a resolution on the subject.

3rd plenary meeting
18 May 1989

^{1/} E/ESCWA/C.1/15/11, to be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session under the symbol JIU/REP/89/1.