

**234 (XXI). RATIONALIZATION AND INCREASED EFFICIENCY OF ENERGY AND
THE USE OF RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY**

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

Recalling the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001 and, in particular, paragraph 18.1,

Recalling also the recommendations made by the Committee on Energy at its first and second sessions, held in November 1997 and November 1999 respectively,⁴

Recalling further the programme of work for the biennium 2000-2001 of the Energy, Natural Resources and Environment Division in the field of energy,

Taking into consideration the memorandum of understanding on establishment and activation of the renewable energy promotion mechanism (REPM) in the ESCWA region, signed on 5 October 2000,

1. *Urges* member countries to include in their energy-related programmes the policies and measures necessary in order to increase the efficiency of and rationalize energy use and promote the use of renewable sources of energy. This should be achieved through the devising of institutional frameworks for their implementation;

2. *Requests* member countries to take the measures necessary to support the performance of activities related to the renewable energy promotion mechanism, with a view to strengthening regional cooperation in that field; to this end, the endeavours of national focal points for the regional mechanism should be supported.

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⁴ See documents E/ESCWA/C.1/20/7/Add.1 and E/ESCWA/C.1/21/6/Add.1.