

**253 (XXII). THE INCREASE OF DONATIONS TO THE ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA**

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

Recalling its resolution 236 (XXI) dated 11 May 2001 concerning the designation of the sessions of the Commission as the forum for a biennial pledging conference,

Affirming the importance of extrabudgetary resources in enabling the secretariat to expand the range of its activities and deal with unforeseen developments in the ESCWA region,

1. *Thanks* the member countries that have contributed to the Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities;¹¹

2. *Also thanks* the United Nations, international and regional organizations and the funds, individuals and other parties for their help in supporting Commission activities with extrabudgetary resources;

3. *Urges* member countries to increase their donations to match the voluntary funds made available to the other United Nations regional Commissions.

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¹¹ To see names and contributions of donors, see E/ESCWA/22/4(Part VII)/Rev.1.