

**258 (XXIII). Strengthening Technical Cooperation in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia**

*The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,*

*Recalling* its resolution 249 (XXII) of 17 April 2003 concerning strengthening consultancy services and technical cooperation activities in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

*Acknowledging* the role played by consultancy services and regional technical cooperation services in the economic and social development of the region,

*Affirming* the importance of field activities to meet the development needs of member countries,

*Having considered* the Executive Secretary's report on technical cooperation activities,

*Appreciating* the important contributions made by the secretariat in supporting national capacity building in the region,

*Acknowledging* the efforts exerted by the secretariat in order to improve the delivery of and reporting on its technical cooperation services and their effectiveness by drawing up a strategy aimed at identifying areas where ESCWA could excel and deliver more effective results,

1. *Appreciates* the role played by the secretariat in increasing technical cooperation activities to meet the demands of member countries in priority areas of the region;
2. *Approves* the ESCWA Technical Cooperation Strategy that has been formulated for the purpose;
3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to take all necessary measures to implement the ESCWA Technical Cooperation Strategy;
4. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to establish a technical cooperation information and knowledge-sharing network with member countries, with a view to strengthening and coordinating technical cooperation activities;
5. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to submit a report to the Commission at its twenty-fourth session on the progress achieved in the implementation of the ESCWA Technical Cooperation Strategy and to inform it of any amendments made thereto.

5<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting  
12 May 2005