

260 (XXIII). Development and Regional Cooperation under Unstable Conditions

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

Recalling its resolutions 241 (XXII) concerning the impact of the lack of stability in the Arab region on economic and social development and 252 (XXII) concerning rehabilitation and economic and social reconstruction in Palestine, both of which are dated 17 April 2003,

Referring to the lack of stability that has plagued the region for decades as the result of successive wars and, in particular, those that are the outcome of the Israeli occupation of Arab territories, and to the economic and social impact of that continuing situation,

Referring with extreme concern to the consequences of continued instability in the Arab region to integrated economic and social development,

Commending secretariat initiatives to support rehabilitation and economic and social development in Palestine, Iraq and South Lebanon,

1. *Urges* the Executive Secretary to provide early warning of the potential dangers posed by lack of security in the region to economic and social development and regional integration;
2. *Urges* member countries to produce policies that will strengthen regional cooperation and integration at the economic and social levels, because of the positive impact they will have on the development process;
3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to intensify her endeavours to build capacities and provide the requisite support for the countries of the region that have suffered and continue to suffer from lack of stability, including analytical activities in sustainable economic and social development fields;
4. *Appeals* to member countries and donor bodies, including Governments, institutions and civil society, to contribute to the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the countries of the region that have suffered or continue to suffer from lack of stability;
5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to submit a report on the progress made in this regard to the Commission at its twenty-fourth session.

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