

## **312 (XXVII). Evaluation of the work of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia**

*The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,*

*Recognizing* the need to fully implement General Assembly resolution 59/250 of 22 December 2004 concerning the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, in which it recognized the need to optimize the linking of evaluation to performance in the achievement of development goals, and encouraged the United Nations development system to strengthen its evaluation activities, with particular focus on development results, the systematic use of monitoring and evaluation approaches at the system-wide level and the promotion of collaborative approaches to evaluation, including joint evaluations, and further encouraged the United Nations Evaluation Group to make progress in system-wide collaboration on evaluation, in particular harmonization and simplification of methodologies, norms, standards and cycles of evaluation,

*Referring* to Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/46 of 31 July 1998 concerning further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields,

*Referring also* to the report of the twenty-sixth session of the Commission held in Beirut from 17 to 20 May 2010,<sup>1</sup>

*Referring further* to the report on the lessons learned from the evaluation of the sessions of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies presented to the Commission at its twenty-sixth session,<sup>2</sup>

*Taking note with satisfaction* of the report on the Evaluation of the Work of ESCWA presented to the Commission at its twenty-seventh session,<sup>3</sup>

*Recognizing* that the evaluation policy of ESCWA is in line with the norms and standards of the United Nations Evaluation Group,

*Recognizing also* that the evaluation policy of ESCWA is also in line with the Secretary-General's Bulletin on Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation,<sup>4</sup>

*Commending* the ongoing efforts of the Executive Secretary to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the secretariat through subprogramme evaluations, technical cooperation activities and job audits of various aspects of the Commission,

1. *Endorses* the recommendations contained in the report on the evaluation of the work of the Commission<sup>5</sup> and requests that they be implemented;

2. *Calls upon* the Executive Secretary to continue efforts to improve the performance of the secretariat through, inter alia, evaluation of the work of the secretariat and review of its internal structure to achieve the highest standards of effectiveness and efficiency;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its twenty-eighth session on the progress made in implementing this resolution.

7<sup>th</sup> plenary meeting  
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<sup>1</sup> E/2010/41-E/ESCWA/26/9/Report.

<sup>2</sup> E/ESCWA/26/6(Part I)/A.

<sup>3</sup> E/ESCWA/27/6(Part I).

<sup>4</sup> ST/SGB/2000/8.

<sup>5</sup> E/ESCWA/27/6(Part I).