

The Economic Commission for Western Asia,

Recalling its resolution 64 (V), which requested the Executive Secretary of the Commission to pursue his efforts with the countries benefiting from the activities of the regional project for public finance and administration (PROPFAD), as well as with other countries both inside and outside the ECWA region which have the financial capability, urging them to participate in financing that project within the limits of the Commission's budgetary estimates,

Noting with appreciation the follow-up measures taken by the Executive Secretary to ensure that minimum essential training and advisory services will continue to be provided to the beneficiary countries throughout 1979,

Taking note of the effort that is being made by the Executive Secretary to assess and evaluate the state of development finance and administration in all member countries of the Commission in order to ascertain their technical capabilities and needs in this field and the extent to which assistance can appropriately be provided at the regional level,

Recognizing the growing importance of the role of the public sector in promoting economic and social development in the countries of the region,

1. Commends the action taken by the Iraqi Fund for External Development and the positive response of the Netherlands Government with regard to financing the regional project for public finance and administration (PROPFAD) for 1979;
2. Urges the Executive Secretary of the Commission to complete the assessment and evaluation of the state of development finance and administration in the countries of the region as soon as possible and to present his findings and proposals to the member States of the Commission for their consideration and action, as deemed appropriate;
3. Requests the Executive Secretary to convey to the United Nations Development Programme the Commission's desire to participate actively in the sponsoring and financing of a programme designed to improve the state of development finance and administration in the ECWA region;
4. Further requests the Executive Secretary to submit a detailed report on this subject to the Commission at its seventh regular session.