

100(VIII). A programme of action in favour of the
least developed member countries

The Economic Commission for Western Asia,

Recalling its resolution 16(II) on a programme of action in favour of the least developed countries in the region, which, in its paragraph 2, urged the Executive Secretary to continue his efforts to provide additional services and activities to promote the process of economic and social development in those countries,

Taking note of General Assembly resolution 34/210 regarding special measures in favour of the least developed among the developing countries, and resolution S-11/4 on measures to meet the critical situation in the least developed countries,

Taking note also of General Assembly resolutions 34/203 and 35/205 on the convening of the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries to finalize, adopt and support the Substantial New Programme of Action in favour of these countries, in which the General Assembly urged all United Nations organs, organizations and bodies, including the regional commissions, to contribute to the success of the Conference,

Bearing in mind the provisions of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade related to the least developed countries,

Noting with satisfaction the efforts of the Executive Secretary to assist the least developed member countries of the Commission in their preparations for the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries,^{1/}

1. Urges the Executive Secretary to ensure that the needs of the least developed countries in the region are adequately reflected in the Substantial New Programme of Action at the regional level;

2. Requests the Executive Secretary to intensify the Commission's activities with regard to the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action at the regional level, in the light of the results of the Conference;

3. Requests also the Executive Secretary to consult with the Secretary-General on the decentralization to the Commission of activities in favour of the least developed countries;

4. Calls upon the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its ninth session on the progress achieved in the implementation of the present resolution.

8th meeting
6 May 1981