

103(VIII). Follow-up action on the Vienna Programme of Action on Science and Technology for Development

The Economic Commission for Western Asia,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system,

Recalling also the Vienna Programme of Action on Science and Technology for Development, adopted on 31 August 1979 by the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, and in particular paragraph 93 of that Programme of Action, which entrusted to the regional commissions the role of team leadership in the co-ordination of science and technology co-operation programmes,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 34/218 of 19 December 1979 on the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, which, inter alia, endorsed the Vienna Programme of Action on Science and Technology for Development,

Emphasizing the urgent need to strengthen and develop the scientific and technological capacities of member States to enable them to apply science and technology more effectively to their development,

Recognizing that concerted and sustained efforts must be made by all sections of the international community, in order to assist in strengthening the endogenous scientific and technological capacities of developing countries,

Further recognizing the central role of the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in taking effective and co-ordinated action, including the preparation of an operational plan, for the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action on Science and Technology for Development,

Taking note of the progress report on the implementation of the work programme,<sup>1/</sup> and in particular the section thereof dealing with follow-up action to the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development,

1. Requests the Executive Secretary to take the necessary measures to enable the secretariat of the Commission to assume adequately the increasing responsibilities entrusted to it by the Vienna Programme of Action on Science and Technology for Development;

2. Further requests the Executive Secretary to make arrangements to secure the necessary resources from within and outside the United Nations system, in order to discharge effectively the additional responsibilities mentioned in the preceding paragraph.

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