

The Economic Commission for Western Asia,

Recalling its resolution 74(VI), which urged the Executive Secretary to complete the assessment and evaluation of the state of development finance and administration in the countries of the region and to submit his findings and proposals to member States of the Commission for their consideration and action,

Further recalling paragraph 3 of the same resolution, which requested 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,

Noting with appreciation the follow-up efforts made by the Executive Secretary in this regard, including the preparation of the survey report on the technical assistance needs of member countries in financial management,^{1/}

Conscious of the rapidly expanding role of the public sector in promoting economic and social development in the countries of the region and of the growing need for the up-grading of the technical capabilities of public personnel for the effective mobilization and allocation of financial resources aimed at achieving development objectives during the 1980s,

Taking cognizance of the necessity of resource mobilization for the achievement of the growth rate and the level of domestic savings specified in the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade,

1. Recommends that Governments of member countries intensify their efforts in strengthening the training and advisory capacities of their national institutions in various aspects of development finance;
2. Requests the Executive Secretary to follow up the recommendations embodied in the survey report and to study, in consultation with member countries, the possibilities of establishing a regional facility aimed at meeting the training and advisory needs of member countries in development finance (at the high and middle-management levels) and to ensure that such a facility complements national efforts and is closely co-ordinated with related Arab regional institutions;
3. Requests the Executive Secretary, in the light of the results of the study referred to in paragraph 2 above, to include proposals in the United Nations Development Programme inter-country programme for the programming cycle 1982-1986;
4. Requests the Executive Secretary to submit a report to the Commission at its ninth session on the action taken in this connexion.

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6 May 1981

^{1/} E/ECWA/129, paras. 2 and 3.