

106(VIII). Establishment of national centres for the transfer of technology and the establishment and development of technological capabilities

The Economic Commission for Western Asia,

Recalling resolution 87(IV) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, of 30 May 1976, which, inter alia, recommended "the establishment of appropriate institutional machinery, including a national centre for the development and transfer of technology, with urgent attention being paid to defining the role and functions of such a centre, including the principal linkages which need to be established with other national bodies or institutions",

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, which, inter alia, called for "the establishment of a national capacity for assessment, selection, acquisition and adaptation of foreign technology and expertise, taking fully into account prevailing economic, social, cultural and environmental conditions",

Recalling further 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,

Bearing in mind the request of the Government of the Republic of Iraq to the secretariat of the Commission to prepare an institutional model for national centres for the transfer and development of technology,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the draft institutional model for national centres for the transfer of technology and the establishment and development of technological capabilities;^{1/}
2. Urges all member States to take the necessary action for establishing national centres for the transfer of technology and the establishment of technological capabilities, or any appropriate institutional organs;
3. Recommends member States to take the draft institutional model into consideration in setting up such national centres or organs;
4. Invites the organizations and agencies concerned in the United Nations system to co-operate with the secretariat of the Commission and to support effectively its efforts in rendering to member States, upon request, every possible assistance in this regard.

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