

The Economic Commission for Western Asia,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 34/151 of 17 December 1979 and 35/126 of 11 December 1980, by which the General Assembly decided to designate and observe 1985 as International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 36/28 of 13 November 1981 which endorsed the specific programme of measures and activities for the International Youth Year as adopted by the Advisory Committee at its first session in 1981,

Recognizing the profound importance of ensuring the active participation of young people in the overall development of society in the ECWA region and noting that the youth population had increased in the ECWA region with social implications for economic growth and social progress,

Recognizing also that the Commission accords high priority to the development of human resources and gives particular emphasis to the social integration of the various population groups in national development,

Aware that the success of the "International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace" at all levels requires adequate preparation by and widespread support from all member States of the Commission,

1. Invites the member States of ECWA to exert all possible efforts to implement the endorsed specific programme of measures and activities to be undertaken prior to and during the International Youth Year;

2. Urges the Executive Secretary to assist ECWA member States in preparing and observing the International Youth Year with particular emphasis on programmes for increasing the participation of youth in national development and on establishing appropriate national machinery for the International Youth Year;

3. Requests the Executive Secretary to take the necessary measures to convene a regional meeting on the International Youth Year in 1983 in co-operation with the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, in order to formulate a regional plan of action for youth that would comply with the strategy for the Year as endorsed by the General Assembly of the United Nations at its 36th session and that would take into account the needs of youth in the region.

8th meeting

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