

118(X) The programme of action in favour of the least developed countries

The Economic Commission for Western Asia,

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

Also recalling its resolution 100(VIII), paragraph 2 of which requested 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 United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries held at Paris on 14 December 1981,

Also recalling General Assembly resolution 36/194 of 17 December 1981 endorsing the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries which was adopted by the United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries,

Taking note of General Assembly resolution 37/224 of 20 December 1982 on the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action which, inter alia, calls upon all Member States and all organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to take immediate, concrete and fully adequate measures and steps to accelerate the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries,

Noting with deep regret that development problems in the least developed countries of the region have been aggravated as a result of the natural disasters with which they were afflicted, particularly in 1982, and that their need for support from the international community is greater than ever before,

1. Affirms the need for the secretariat to endeavour, within the limits of its resources and capabilities, to implement as far as possible the Substantial New Programme of Action for the least developed countries in the region;

2. Calls upon the secretariat to focus its advisory activities to the greatest possible extent on the least developed countries of the region, to utilize its resources to strengthen infrastructures and to expand training opportunities therein and to plan, monitor and implement joint ventures between those countries;

3. Believes that the secretariat should diligently seek to explain and support the needs and requirements for development and for the implementation of development plans in the two least developed countries of the region in international forums and meetings which it attends and in the studies and reports which it prepares or helps to prepare for submission and should accord priority to those countries in the joint programmes proposed and implemented by the secretariat;

4. Urges States Members of the United Nations and, in particular, the member States of the Commission to support, bolster and strengthen the secretariat's ability to implement the provisions of this resolution;

5. Requests the Executive Secretary to follow-up this resolution and to submit a report thereon to the eleventh session of the Commission.

7th meeting

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