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ABBREVIATIONS

ATU	Arab Telecommunication Union
CTC	Centre on Transnational Corporations
DTCU	Department of Technical Co-operation for Development
ECA	Economic Commission for Africa
ECWA	Economic Commission for Western Asia
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
ILO	International Labour Organisation
IMF	International Monetary Fund
ITU	International Telecommunication Union
SNPA	Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries
TRAINMAR	Training Development in the Field of Maritime Transport
UNCSTD	United Nations Centre for Science and Technology for Development
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFPA	United Nation Fund for Population Activities
UNFSSTD	United Nations Financing System for Science and Technology for Development
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization

VFUNDW Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women

WCARRD World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural
Development (Rome, 1979)

WFP World Food Programme

WHO World Health Organization

INTRODUCTION

1. This report covers the period since the eleventh session. It was adopted by the Commission at its 4th meeting, held on 25 April 1985, in the form as amended during the discussion.

I. ISSUES CALLING FOR ACTION BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL OR BROUGHT TO ITS ATTENTION

2. At its 3rd meeting, held on 24 April 1985, the Commission decided to bring the following resolution to the attention of the Economic and Social Council for the necessary action:

133 (XII) Designation of the Economic Commission for Western Asia*

The Economic Commission for Western Asia.

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1818(LV) of 9 August 1973, by virtue of which the Economic Commission for Western Asia was established and its terms of reference laid down,

Recalling paragraph 1(f) of Economic and Social Council resolution 1818(LV),

Realizing the extreme importance of social development in the context of the overall development of the economies of members of the Economic Commission for Western Asia, and with the aim of achieving congruence between the subject-matter of the major activities undertaken in the work of the Commission in the economic and social domains and its present designation as stipulated in Economic and Social Council resolution 1818(LV),

1. Recommends that the Economic and Social Council should:

(a) Designate the Economic Commission for Western Asia as the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia;

(b) Amend the terms of reference of the Commission as contained in its resolution 1818(LV) of 9 August 1973 to conform to the new designation.

2. Requests the Executive Secretary to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Commission at its thirteenth session.

3rd meeting
24 April 1985

* See paragraph 62 of this report for the discussion leading to the adoption of this resolution.

II. WORK OF THE COMMISSION SINCE THE ELEVENTH SESSION

A. Activities of subsidiary bodies

3. The Standing Committee for the Programme, which was established under ECWA resolution 114 (IX) of 12 May 1982 as the main subsidiary organ of the Commission and which was designated as the Technical Committee and acquired additional terms of reference, including consideration of items on the agenda of ECWA sessions, in accordance with ECWA resolution 125 (XI) of 26 April 1984, held its third annual session from 20 to 23 April 1985 at the Commission's headquarters in Baghdad, Iraq.

4. The Technical Committee, in accordance with its new terms of reference, discussed a number of issues within the context of the various items of its agenda, as well as items on the agenda of the annual session. This included follow-up of the resolutions adopted at the second session of the Standing Committee for the Programme, of the ECWA programme of work and priorities for 1986-1987 and discussion of items 6 to 11 of the agenda of the twelfth session. The topics included were as follows; the report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Commission; follow-up at the regional level of United Nations world conferences and ECWA regional meetings; the financial status of the Commission's programmes; issues or problems facing the countries of the region (ECWA resolution 119 (X) of 11 May 1983), and co-operation among developing countries and regional organizations.

5. The final report of the Technical Committee (E/ECWA/XII/4/Rev.1 - E/ECWA/XII/CP/7/Rev.1) was submitted to the Commission at its twelfth session.

B. Other activities

6. The report of the Executive Secretary on progress made in the implementation of the work programme contained an extensive review of the various activities undertaken by ECWA during 1984. The report comprised the following documents: E/ECWA/XII/5, and Add.1/Part I and II, and Add.2 to Add.11.

C. Relations with specialized agencies and other organizations

7. During 1984, the secretariat of the Commission carried out a number of joint activities with various United Nations specialized agencies and organizations such as: the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), the United

Nations Centre for Science and Technology for Development (UNCSTD), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women (VFUNDW). These activities are outlined below.

8. Under the food and agriculture programme, joint co-operation with FAO covered several areas. A seminar on methods of agricultural data collection was sponsored by FAO and organized jointly by the Agriculture and Statistics Divisions. In support of the agrarian reform and rural development programme, a follow-up project was carried out covering crop sharing in the Yemen Arab Republic. The programme also focused on action to combat desertification. This was undertaken by the Joint ECWA/FAO Agriculture Division and UNEP. This activity resulted in the issuance of a manual on desertification control.

9. The Joint ECWA/FAO Agriculture Division, in co-operation with the League of Arab States, also sponsored a meeting which focused on various types of grains as part of the promotion of national food strategies and food security. Teaching assistance at the Arab Planning Institute was also provided and covered mainly marketing and trade.

10. During the period under review, Habitat co-operated in the implementation of the ECWA Human Settlements Programme by financing two Professional posts in the Human Settlements Division in support of programme activities.

11. Support from UNCSTD consisted in the financing of an ad hoc expert group meeting organized by the Science and Technology Programme on the Mid-Decade Review of the Implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action on Science and Technology for Development in the ECWA Region.

12. UNDP continued to support ECWA in its implementation of several important projects, mainly in connection with national household surveys covering the ECWA region which provided the information required for national development plans, policies and programmes. This support included training programmes in which UNDP, in collaboration with ECWA, continued to provide financial assistance for the Arab Planning Institute through fellowships with a view to supporting the Institute's own research staff in the economic and social development fields. UNDP also provided assistance in the preparations for the establishment of intraregional maritime information system.

13. UNEP played an important role in supporting ECWA projects on the environment in order to enhance the environmental protection

capacities of ECWA countries. Consultations with UNEP are under way for the holding of a workshop at ECWA on management of urban solid wastes and for financing and advisory service on strengthening the capabilities of environmental laboratories in the ECWA region with a view to formulating recommendations in this field.

14. ECWA co-operation with UNFPA covered many areas such as problems of urban primacy, town planning and employment. Another project involved the printing of the Population Bulletin of ECWA. UNFPA also assisted ECWA in providing various advisory services in the fields of demography and population.

15. In the implementation of its industry programme, ECWA co-operated closely with UNIDO in various areas. For example, it provided advisory services in the identification of regional projects in capital goods and other engineering industries. ECWA also co-operated with the Arab Industrial Development Organization in various fields, including the formulation of a master plan for technical development in oil refining, petrochemicals and fertilizers, capital goods and iron and steel industries in Arab countries, and of a detailed feasibility study on the establishment of manufacturing capacities for high-speed diesel engines and selected components. This manufacturing is envisaged to take place at the Arab regional level in collaboration with the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development and the Arab Industrial Investment Company.

16. VFUNDW supported various projects on women and development through research, seminars, training and studies. The programme also focused on improving the situation of rural women by identifying problems and issues in the field of national planning for women and studies were issued on the assessment of the position of women in the national plans of Iraq, Egypt, Democratic Yemen and Syria. In the field of women and development, in connection with community participation by female industrial workers, a joint ECWA/UNDP project in Cairo is planned in which ECWA will play a supporting role. In addition, studies were undertaken to assess the social and economic conditions of women in Democratic Yemen and Bahrain.

17. In addition to United Nations organizations, the Commission also collaborated with some regional organizations, notably the League of Arab States and several of its subsidiary bodies, in carrying out a number of joint activities.

18. For further information on such activities, reference should be made to document E/ECWA/XII/CP/4 and Corr.1.

III. TWELFTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION

A. Attendance and organization of work

19. The twelfth session of the Economic Commission for Western Asia (ECWA) was held at ministerial level in its headquarters at Baghdad from 24 to 25 April 1985. Its deliberations covered four meetings.

20. The session was attended by representatives of the following members of the Commission:* Bahrain, Democratic Yemen, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, the Palestine Liberation Organization, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

21. Representatives of the following United Nations bodies and specialized agencies attended the session as observers: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; International Chamber of Commerce; International Labour Organisation; International Monetary Fund; International Telecommunication Union; United Nations Children's Fund; United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; United Nations Development Programme; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; United Nations Environment Programme; United Nations Fund for Population Activities; United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; United Nations Industrial Development Organization; United Nations Secretariat (New York); World Food Programme; and World Health Organization.

22. Representatives of the following regional and intergovernmental organizations attended the session as observers: Arab Engineering Union; Arab Federation for Fish Producers; Arab Federation for Food Industries; Arab Federation for Economic and Social Development; Arab Federation of Shipping; Arab Industrial Development Organization; Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics; Arab Labour Organization; Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization; Arab Organization for Agricultural Development; Arab Organization for Standardization and Metrology; Arab Petroleum Institute for Training; Arab Planning Institute, Kuwait; Arab Telecommunication Union; Federation of Arab Councils for Scientific Research; Iraqi Fund for External Development; Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry; League of Arab States; Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries.

* For the names of participants in the session, see document E/ECWA/XII/INF.3/Rev.2.

23. By virtue of article 4 of the Commission's terms of reference, the Commission agreed to requests submitted by the following States Members of the United Nations or its specialized agencies wishing to participate in the work of its twelfth session: Algeria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Central African Republic, Czechoslovakia, France, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Tunisia, Turkey, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom, United States of America and Yugoslavia. The Republic of Korea and Switzerland also participated in the meetings in the same capacity.

24. At its 2nd meeting, the Commission unanimously elected the following: His Excellency Mr. Ali Ahmad Al-Ansari, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs of Qatar, as Chairman of the twelfth session; His Excellency Mr. Jaweed Al-Ghoseini, Member of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization, and His Excellency Mr. Muhammad Al-Khadim Al-Wajih, Minister of Finance of Yemen, as Vice-Chairmen; and His Excellency Mr. Sayed Al-Masri, head of the delegation of Egypt, as Rapporteur for the session.

25. Following his election, the Chairman of the session made a statement. He said that the items on the agenda of the session clearly indicated an awareness of the fundamental problems and needs of the countries of the region in various fields. They also reflected the Commission's correct orientation in the fields of work in which it was engaged in the region. The increasing bilateral and regional co-operation between the countries of Western Asia and the Arab States in general in connection with financial investments, the flow of capital, movements of manpower and the exchange of expertise and know-how was currently assuming new dimensions, acquiring a solid foundation and achieving positive results. These developments reflected the existence of a unified approach and a concerted will to take the decisions needed for the achievement of the established objectives. That fact had significant and far-reaching implications. The countries of the region looked to ECWA to assume its natural and appropriate role in the region in the same way as the economic commissions of other regional groupings, in the effective promotion of regional development with a view to furthering national endeavours to overcome backwardness and dependence.

26. In accordance with rule 11 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Commission, the officers of the session examined the credentials of delegations and found them to be in order.

27. In its second meeting, held on 24 April 1985 the Commission adopted the proposals outlined in document E/ECWA/XII/2, as amended.*

B. Agenda

28. At its first meeting, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda contained in document E/ECWA/XII/1, which reads as follows:**

- (1) Opening of the session.
- (2) Election of officers.
- (3) Adoption of the agenda.
- (4) Organization of work.
- (5) Invitation to States Members of the United Nations or of the specialized agencies not members of the Commission to participate in a consultative capacity in the twelfth session of the Commission.
- (6) Report of the Technical Committee.
- (7) Report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Commission:
 - (a) Progress made in the implementation of the work programme;
 - (b) Follow-up action on the resolutions of the Commission:
 - (i) ECWA resolution 124(XI) on the study of the economic and social conditions and potential of the Palestinian Arab people;
 - (ii) ECWA resolution 125(XI) on the general policy-making structure of the Commission;
 - (iii) ECWA resolution 126(XI) on staff and administrative questions;

* For organization of work as adopted by the Commission, see document E/ECWA/XII/2/Rev.1.

** The agenda as adopted was issued in document E/ECWA/XII/1/Rev.1.

- (iv) ECWA resolution 130(XI) on strengthening of the ECWA programme in the area of increasing the participation of Arab women in development.

(8) Follow-up action at the regional level on United Nations world conferences and ECWA regional meetings:

- (a) Fourth General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO IV): resolution 127(XI);
- (b) International Conference on Population in the Arab World in preparation for the International Conference on Population (Mexico City): resolution 128(XI);
- (c) Regional Preparatory Meeting for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women.

(9) Financial status of the Commission's programmes.

(10) Issues or problems facing the countries of the region (resolution 119(X)): Role of the joint ventures in promoting economic co-operation and integration in Western Asia.

(11) Co-operation among developing countries and the regional organizations.

(12) Other business.

(13) Adoption of the Commission's report on the work of its twelfth session.

C. Account of proceedings

29. The session was opened by His Excellency Mr. Taha Yassin Ramadan, First Deputy Prime Minister of Iraq and Member of the Revolution Command Council. He welcomed the holding of the twelfth session of the Economic Commission for Western Asia (ECWA) in Baghdad, and expressed wishes for the success of the Commission's work. He reviewed significant events and developments on the world scene since the Commission's eleventh session, some of which were reflected in the agenda for the session. He singled out for particular mention the item relating to follow-up action at the regional level on United Nations world conferences and ECWA regional meetings, such as the Fourth General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO IV), the International Conference on Population and the Regional Preparatory Meeting for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women.

30. He expressed confidence that all of the items on the agenda of the current session would receive detailed consideration, stressing, at the same time, that particular attention should be paid to the item on the role of joint ventures in promoting economic co-operation and integration in Western Asia, the item on co-operation among developing countries and regional organizations and the item on the programme of work and priorities for 1986-1987.

31. Exhaustive discussion of those and other agenda items during the Commission's current session would have positive results and would help to impart momentum to the development process in such a vital part of the world, strengthening, developing and reinforcing the inherent strengths of member States. Such results would require unequivocal, serious and constructive attitudes to increase the Commission's effectiveness, particularly with respect to the implementation of its future programmes as planned.

32. He reviewed the critical phase through which the world economy was passing, the economic recovery experienced by the industrial countries in the period 1983-1984 which had varied in degree, its continuance being unassured and its scope limited. He noted that the developing countries continued to suffer from stagnant or falling growth rates as a result of numerous internal and external factors. In the forefront of the external factors were the fall in the prices of the commodities exported by those countries, the decline in terms of trade because of protectionism and restrictive practices on the part of developed countries, the increasing burden of indebtedness, and the reduction in the flow of official development assistance.

33. He deplored the current impasse in the global economic negotiations due to the indifference of some developed countries to the problems of the developing countries and the needs of world economic development. He also regretted their negative attitude towards the establishment of a new world economic order based on justice and equity.

34. The occasion provided an opportunity to renew full commitment to the global negotiations called for under the provisions of General Assembly resolution 34/138 of 14 December 1979, and to the outcome of the conferences of the Group of 77. The developed countries were called upon to demonstrate a new political will for the success of the negotiations.

35. The international community was greatly concerned at the grave economic conditions in Africa which had been further aggravated as a result of the twofold consequences of the unfavourable world economic situation and the persistence of the

problems of drought and desertification. He called for the adoption of urgent and adequate measures to cope with the current situation.

36. The First Deputy Prime Minister referred to a grave phenomenon which he said was not new but was worsening and spreading in the third world, and had become one of the major constraints on development and co-operation among developing countries. He referred to the military acts of aggression and sabotage perpetrated by some racist reactionary regimes against neighbouring developing countries instigated, in one way or another, by racial or expansionist bodies and interests with the aim of obstructing development and spreading political and economic instability in many vital areas in the third world, including the ECWA region and the African continent.

37. South Africa's practices, the continued Zionist aggression, the war against Iraq and the repeated acts of sabotage in the Arabian Gulf region were not isolated phenomena but had many characteristics, goals, methods and repercussions in common.

38. The war being waged against Iraq had also had an unfavourable impact on the implementation of ECWA tasks and on its role in promoting constructive co-operation with the rest of the developing countries.

39. The Economic Commission for Western Asia, in its capacity as one of the principal regional organizations concerned with launching programmes for the promotion of collective self-reliance and balanced independent overall development, was duty-bound to orient its programmes towards achieving the goals of joint Arab economic action.

40. Mr. Ahmad Obeid Al Fadhli, Minister of Trade and Supply of Democratic Yemen, addressed the session on behalf of the Chairman of the eleventh session. He highlighted the efforts made by ECWA to promote development and co-operation in the region. The Commission's representation of most of the Arab countries had given it a special role to play in the search for solutions to the economic and social problems facing its member States, such as lack of skilled manpower, inability to develop modern technology, and the weakness of infrastructures and production base. He called upon Arab and regional organizations to help to promote the economic and social development process. The Commission's success in the achievement of the objectives assigned to it depended on the extent of support and assistance that it received from member States.

41. The message of the Secretary General of the United Nations to the twelfth session of ECWA was read out. The session was

being held at a time when the world economy was emerging from the recession of the early years of the decade and when signs of renewed growth had been confirmed among the major industrialized countries. However, that growth remained limited and its effects had not extended to the other regions of the world since the rate of growth in most developing countries had been slower than expected.

42. The Secretary-General called for an intensification of multilateral co-operation, which remained the basic tool for encouraging growth in an increasingly interdependent world. He also called for an increased flow of financial resources for development, including official development assistance, which should be channelled through multilateral financial institutions. He advocated closer co-operation among developing countries and emphasized that the regional economic commissions of the United Nations such as ECWA had a significant role to play in that respect.

43. The Executive Secretary of the Commission then made a statement in which he expressed gratitude to the First Deputy Prime Minister of Iraq for his kindness in lending his patronage to the inaugural meeting of the twelfth session. He also thanked the Chairman of the eleventh session.

44. He then referred to the recession that had affected the world economy in the late 1970s and early 1980s, causing the industrialized countries to limit their exports from the developing countries and to impose a protectionist policy by raising customs tariffs on the pretext of lowering inflation rates in their economies. That had had disastrous consequences for the economies of the developing countries which, unable to find markets for their exports, also suffered a drop in the prices of their exports of raw materials.

45. The world recession had, in recent years, caused a drop in demand for the oil produced by the States of the ECWA region as well as a drop in oil prices. That situation had created new challenges to the oil-exporting States of the region and had also been reflected in a decrease in the volume of loans and assistance available to the developing countries in general.

46. In spite of the fact that one of the goals of the International Development Strategy for the Third United Nations Development Decade had been the achievement of an annual growth rate of 7 per cent in the gross domestic product of the developing countries, that goal had not been reached and the estimates for 1984 indicated that the economic performance of the region had not greatly improved.

47. However, the Arab region had been able to record a number of accomplishments in recent years, including the promotion of joint ventures in the food security field and the increase in the assistance provided by Arab financial institutions and Arab States in the field of resources transfer. The mobilization of manpower for development had also received increasing attention, as was reflected in the Declaration of Principles adopted by the Arab Economic and Social Council at its thirty-sixth session, held at Tunis in 1984.

48. The Commission was anxious that its programme should complement the programmes and activities undertaken by other regional organizations. In that respect he referred to ECWA co-operation with the League of Arab States, the Gulf Co-operation Council and other organizations.

49. He also referred to the political difficulties the region was facing, chief among which were conditions in Palestine, which was still under the yoke of Israeli occupation, the continued Israeli occupation of southern Lebanon and the Iraq-Iran war currently drawing to the end of its fifth year without any indication of a solution in view. Those difficulties were a heavy burden on the Arab peoples, and had had a negative impact on the process of development in the region.

50. He also referred to the role of ECWA in consolidating efforts towards economic and social development in the Arab region. He conveyed greetings to ECWA members on the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations and hailed its constructive role in supporting human rights and in easing world tension.

51. Statements were made by the representatives of France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Romania, Turkey, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United States of America, Yugoslavia, the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance and UNICEF.

1. Report of the Technical Committee (agenda item 6)
(E/ECWA/XII/4 - E/ECWA/XII/CP/7)

52. At its 3rd meeting, on 24 April 1985, the twelfth session of the Commission considered the report of its Technical Committee which had been assigned to review the programme of work and priorities for 1986-1987 as well as the items on the agenda of the session.^{1/}

53. The Technical Committee approved the programme of work and priorities for 1986-1987 on the understanding that the secretariat would amend it in the light of the comments made by

^{1/} The report of the Technical Committee is contained in document E/ECWA/XII/4 /Rev.1 - E/ECWA/XII/CP/7/Rev.1.

the members. Draft resolution 1 to that effect was submitted to the twelfth session (see the report of the Technical Committee, draft resolution 1).

54. At the 3rd meeting, held on 24 April, the Commission considered draft resolution 1 on the programme of work and priorities for the period 1986-1987.

55. In the course of the discussion, a number of delegations proposed that the secretariat should prepare a summary of the recommendations and observations made by the delegations in connection with the programme of work and priorities on which a consensus of opinion had been reached. The session agreed to that course of action.

56. The Executive Secretary promised that the secretariat would respond to the recommendations and observations made by the delegations and that it would transmit the revised programme to the member countries after it had been discussed by the Programme Co-ordination Committee at Headquarters. He said that the secretariat would submit to the next session a report on the action taken in that respect.

57. The same meeting approved the programme of work and priorities and adopted the report of the Technical Committee (for action taken by the Commission, see resolution 134(XII) in chapter IV of this report).

58. In the course of its discussion of the programme of work and priorities, the Technical Committee adopted the recommendations and observations made by a number of delegations concerning the incorporation in the work programme of studies and statistics on the economic and social conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied territories and submitted to the Commission a draft resolution (No. 2) concerning the economic and social conditions of the Palestinian Arab people under occupation.

59. At the 3rd meeting, held on 24 April, the Commission considered draft resolution 2 on the economic and social conditions of the Palestinian Arab people under occupation.

60. The discussions focused on the role that ECWA could play in assisting the Palestinian Arab people in the territories occupied since 1967, as well as in the territory occupied since 1948. It was decided to reformulate the second preambular paragraph of the draft resolution in a manner more consistent with the spirit of the Geneva Declaration and the programme of action for the achievement of Palestinian rights.^{2/} The draft resolution was

^{2/} See the report of the International Conference on the Question of Palestine, held at Geneva from 29 August to 7 September 1983.

adopted. (For action taken by the Commission, see resolution 135(XII) in chapter IV of this report).

61. At the 3rd meeting, held on 24 April, the Commission considered draft resolution 3 on the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific, which was reviewed in the report of the Technical Committee. The draft resolution was adopted. (For action taken by the Commission, see resolution 138(XII) in chapter IV of this report).

62. Also at the 3rd meeting, held on 24 April, the Commission considered draft resolution 4 on the designation of the Economic Commission for Western Asia. A number of representatives pointed out that the draft resolution reflected the importance of the social aspect of the Commission's activities. It was decided to add to the draft resolution a paragraph concerning the amendment of the Commission's terms of reference to correspond to its new designation (The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia). The draft resolution was then adopted in its amended form. (For action taken by the Commission, see resolution 133(XII) in chapter I of this report).

2. Report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Commission (agenda item 7)
(E/ECWA/XII/5, and Add.1/Part I and II, and Add.2 to Add.11)

63. In the light of the discussions that took place at the closed meeting of the heads of delegation, a draft resolution No. 5 on agenda item 7(b)(i), entitled "General study of the economic and social situation and potential of the Palestinian Arab people", was submitted to the Commission at its 3rd meeting, held on 24 April 1985.

64. The Commission adopted at the same meeting the draft resolution. (For action taken by the Commission, see resolution 141(XII) in chapter IV of this report).

65. At the 4th and final meeting, held on 25 April 1985, Iraq submitted draft resolution 6 on "Progress made in the implementation of the work programme". The representative of Iraq said that the purpose of that draft resolution was to inform member countries of the problems facing the secretariat in the implementation of the work programme so that they could consider appropriate solutions to those problems.

66. Following a discussion in which a number of delegations participated, the Commission adopted draft resolution 6 as amended in the light of the discussion. (For action taken by the Commission, see resolution 135(XII) in chapter IV of this report).

67. At the 4th and final meeting, held on 25 April 1985, draft resolution 7 on the "Science and technology programme" was sponsored by Saudi Arabia and Qatar.

68. Draft resolution 7 was adopted at the same meeting. (For action taken by the Commission, see resolution 136(XII) in chapter IV of this report).

69. At the 4th and final meeting, held on 25 April 1985, draft resolution 8 on "Technical co-operation activities and technical assistance projects", sponsored by Egypt, Iraq and Jordan, was submitted by the Rapporteur.

70. During the discussion, a number of delegations proposed that the specific needs of member countries and, in particular, the importance of training should be taken into account by the secretariat when it reformulated the elements of that programme.

71. The draft resolution, as amended, was adopted by the Commission at the same meeting. (For action taken by the Commission, see resolution 137(XII) in chapter IV of this report).

72. At the 4th and final meeting, held on 25 April 1985, draft resolution 9 on the "Filling of vacancies in the secretariat", sponsored by Egypt and Iraq, was submitted by the Rapporteur.

73. During the discussion of the draft resolution, the Executive Secretary explained that the secretariat was endeavouring to recruit competent candidates from countries that were underrepresented on the staff of the United Nations. The secretariat had recently sent recruitment teams to the Gulf area and candidates had been nominated from Bahrain and Qatar. Similar recruitment teams would be sent to Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

74. The draft resolution was adopted at the same meeting. (For action taken by the Commission, see resolution 140(XII) in chapter IV of this report).

3. Follow-up action at the regional level on United Nations world conferences and ECWA regional meetings (agenda item 8)
(E/ECWA/XII/7 and E/ECWA/XII/7/Add.1)

4. Financial status of the Commission's programmes (agenda item 9)
(E/ECWA/XII/8; E/ECWA/XII/8/Add.1; E/ECWA/XII/8/Add.1/Suppl.1 and Corr.1 and E/ECWA/XII/8/Add.2)

5. Issues or problems facing the countries of the region (resolution 119(X): Role of the joint ventures in the promotion of economic co-operation and integration in Western Asia (agenda item 10)
(E/ECWA/XII/9)
6. Co-operation among developing countries and regional organizations (agenda item 11)
(E/ECWA/XII/10)

75. At the 4th (closing) meeting, held on 25 April 1985, the Commission examined the above items in the light of the extensive discussions by the Technical Committee as reflected in its report (E/ECWA/XII/CP/7/Rev.1 - E/ECWA/XII/4/Rev.1), and took note thereof.

7. Other business (agenda item 12)

76. At the closing meeting the representative of Iraq proposed that the Commission formally express thanks and appreciation to the Executive Secretary of ECWA, Mr. Mohamed Said Al-Attar, on the occasion of the assumption of his new post in the Cabinet of the Yemen Arab Republic.

77. The representative of Iraq commended the efforts exerted by the Executive Secretary in the course of the 10 years since the establishment of ECWA, which had helped the Commission to play a remarkable role among international and regional organizations serving the Arab region.

78. A number of representatives paid tribute to Mr. Al-Attar's contributions and wished him all the best in his new post.

79. The session unanimously agreed that its report to the Economic and Social Council should express gratitude and appreciation to the Executive Secretary on the occasion of his leaving the Commission.

8. Adoption of the Commission's report on the worked of its twelfth session (agenda item 13)

80. At the 4th (closing) meeting, held on 25 April 1985, the Commission adopted the draft report on its twelfth session (E/ECWA/L.11), and authorized the rapporteur to finalize it as appropriate.

D. Programme of Work and Priorities

81. The Technical Committee considered the Programme of Work and Priorities for 1986-1987 (E/ECWA/XII/CP/6/Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1) during its session held from 20 to 23 April 1985, and submitted

held from 20 to 23 April 1985, and submitted its report (E/ECWA/XII/4/Rev.1 - E/ECWA/XII/CP/7/Rev.1) for the consideration of the Commission.

82. The Commission considered the report of the Technical Committee under agenda item 6 (see paragraphs 52-60 above). The report was adopted and the secretariat was requested to make the necessary amendments to the programme of work and priorities in the light of the discussions in the Technical Committee and the session.

IV. RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION AT
ITS TWELFTH SESSION

133(XII) Designation of the Economic Commission
for Western Asia*

(See chapter I for the text of the resolution.)

134(XII) Programme of work and priorities for the period 1986-1987*

The Economic Commission for Western Asia.

Recalling its resolutions 114(IX) of 12 May 1982 and 125(XI) of 26 April 1984 specifying the terms of reference of the Technical Committee.

Noting with appreciation the programme of work and priorities for 1986-1987 proposed by the secretariat.

Further recalling the observations and comments made by the members of the Technical Committee on the draft programme of work and priorities for 1986-1987.

1. Endorses the programme of work and priorities for 1986-1987, the report of the Technical Committee and the recommendations included therein, as amended in the light of the observations made by the representatives:

2. Requests the Executive Secretary to submit a report to the Technical Committee at its fourth session on the implementation of the recommendations, particularly with regard to the defined priorities and taking into account the observations made by the representatives concerning the programme of work.

3rd plenary meeting
24 April 1985

* See paragraphs 52 to 57 of this report for the discussion leading to the adoption of this resolution.

135(XII) Progress made in the implementation of
the work programme*

The Economic Commission for Western Asia.

Having noted the contents of the report of the Executive Secretary on progress made in the implementation of the work programme and priorities for 1984-1985 1/ as well as the programme of work and priorities for 1986-1987,2/

1. Requests the Executive Secretary to include the following information in his report on that subject to the Commission at its thirteenth session :

(a) Specification of the extent to which the originally scheduled programme elements have been completed during that period, together with details of modifications made to those elements during the course of their implementation, the justification for such modifications, details of non-implemented elements and the reasons for their non-implementation;

(b) Specification of the amounts used during the implementation process from the budgetary and extrabudgetary resources, as compared with the resources originally allocated, together with a statement of the resources allocated to other programmes;

(c) Specification of the number of programme elements implemented during the year, as compared with the total number of elements scheduled for implementation during the programme biennium;

(d) An appraisal of problems, and proposed solutions thereto, for the guidance of beneficiary countries;

2. Calls upon the Executive Secretary to follow the above-mentioned procedure in regard to future programmes.

4th plenary meeting
25 April, 1985

* See paragraphs 65 and 66 of this report for the discussion leading to the adoption of this resolution.

1/ E/ECWA/XII/5, and Add.1/Part I and II, and Add.2 to Add.11.

2/ E/ECWA/XII/CP/6 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1.

136 (XII) Science and technology programme*

The Economic Commission for Western Asia.

Recalling the resolution of the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development, held at Vienna in August 1979, which recommended that the regional commissions should assist their members in reviewing the progress made by each member in the use of science and technology for development,

Mindful of the contents of paragraph 74 of document E/ECWA/XII/5/Add.6 on the outcome of the Ad Hoc Expert Group Meeting on the Mid-Decade Review on the Implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action on Science and Technology for Development which recommended that the Economic Commission for Western Asia, in conjunction with the other regional commissions, should undertake the necessary preparatory work for the region's end-of-decade review of progress in order to help the members of the Commission to participate effectively in the regional and global review of the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action on Science and Technology for Development,

Recognizing the need for that important review in order to bridge the gap in information on scientific and technological developments in the region and to give a clear idea of the activities of Governments in that field so that such information can be reflected in the global report to be prepared by the United Nations Centre for Science and Technology for Development in New York at the end of the decade,

Requests the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Western Asia to conduct a review of the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action on Science and Technology for Development in the science and technology programmes for the years 1986-1987 and up to the end of the decade.

4th plenary meeting
25 April 1985

* See paragraphs 67 and 68 of this report for the discussion leading to the adoption of this resolution.

137(XII) Technical co-operation activities and
technical assistance projects*

The Economic Commission for Western Asia.

Recognizing the importance of technical co-operation activities and technical assistance projects for the development of the countries of the region,

Noting with appreciation the activities carried out by the secretariat in that field, as reviewed in document E/ECWA/XII/5/Add.1/Part II,

Desirous of strengthening the relevant programme submitted in document E/ECWA/XII/CP/6/Add.1,

1. Requests the Executive Secretary to reformulate the programme in such a way as to increase the programme elements in accordance with the needs of member countries;

2. Further requests the Executive Secretary to specify in the programme the types of advisory services to be provided, the fields in which they are to be provided, and the titles and fields of the projects that are to be financed in future from extrabudgetary resources;

3. Calls upon the Executive Secretary to prepare a preliminary outline of the main features of the next programme, as well as its estimated financial resources, and to submit that outline to the Commission at its thirteenth session.

4th plenary meeting
25 April 1985

* See paragraphs 69 to 71 of this report for the discussion leading to the adoption of the resolution.

138(XII) Transport and Communications Decade
for Asia and the Pacific *

The Economic Commission for Western Asia.

Recalling Standing Committee resolution 3(II) of 26 April 1984, resolution 236(XL) of 27 April 1984 of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and Economic and Social Council resolution 1984/78 of 27 July 1984 concerning the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific,

Taking note of General Assembly resolution 39/227 of 18 December 1984, by which the Assembly proclaimed a Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific during the period 1985-1994, and in particular paragraph 2 thereof requesting the Secretary-General to extend all necessary facilities and support to the Executive Secretaries of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and the Economic Commission for Western Asia to mobilize the necessary international support for the successful implementation of the programme for the Decade,

Taking further note of the report of the Executive Secretary on the programme of action for the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific which includes the region of Western Asia,^{1/}

Recognizing the importance of and the need for a co-ordinated interregional approach to transport and communications development in the ECWA region,

1. Invites member States to promote the Decade's activities and to participate and contribute in the implementation of the programme of action for achieving the objectives of the Decade in the ECWA region;

2. Urges relevant international and regional organizations, particularly Arab organizations and funds, to contribute to the implementation of the Decade's programme of action;

* See paragraph 61 of this report for the discussion leading to the adoption of this resolution.

^{1/} E/ECWA/XII/CP/5/Add.1.

3. Requests the Executive Secretary to co-ordinate and to follow up the Decade's activities undertaken in the Economic Commission for Western Asia and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific regions;

4. Calls upon the Executive Secretary to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution and on the first phase of the decade (1985-1986) to the Economic Commission for Asia at its fourteenth session in 1987.

3rd plenary meeting
24 April 1985

139(XII) Economic and social conditions of the
Palestinian people under occupation*

The Economic Commission for Western Asia.

Recalling its resolution 30(III) of 14 May 1976 in which it appealed to the Economic and Social Council for prompt action to take practical measures to ensure the improvement of the economic and social conditions of the Palestinian Arab people in their homeland, its resolution 108(IX) of 11 May 1982 on assistance to the Palestine Liberation Organization, and its resolution 132(XI) of 26 April 1984 calling for special attention to be devoted to social and economic studies on the Palestinian people in the occupied territories,

Recalling the provisions of the Geneva Declaration on Palestine and Programme of Action for the Achievement of Palestinian Rights^{1/} concerning the adoption of measures to alleviate the economic and social burdens borne by the Palestinian people as a result of the continued Israeli occupation of their territories and with regard to contributing or increasing special contributions to the proposed budgets, programmes and projects of the relevant organs, funds and agencies of the United Nations system that have been requested to provide humanitarian and social assistance to the Palestinian people,

1. Expresses gratitude to the Executive Secretary for the secretariat's efforts to conduct social and economic studies on the Palestinian Arab people;

2. Calls upon the Executive Secretary to ensure that all available data and information relating to the occupied Palestinian territories are included in all studies and statistical abstracts issued by the Commission at the regional level;

3. Calls upon the Executive Secretary to include in the programme of work and priorities for the period 1986-1987 studies, in co-operation with the concerned Arab and international organizations, on economic and social conditions in the occupied Palestinian territories, such as may serve to

* See paragraphs 58 to 60 of this report for the discussion leading to the adoption of this resolution.

^{1/} See the report of the International Conference on the Question of Palestine, held at Geneva from 29 August to 7 September 1983.

strengthen the resistance of the Palestinian people in those areas. and to prepare studies on the population situation, the Israeli settlement policy aimed at changing the demographic structure and destroying the Palestinian character of the occupied Palestinian territories, and studies relating to support for the industrial sector, particularly existing industries and the solution of the problems from which they suffer, such as those of marketing, finance, manpower and raw materials;

4. Appeals to the international and Arab organizations concerned with the problems of social and economic development to assist the Executive Secretary in the preparation and execution of such specialized studies.

3rd plenary meeting
24 April 1985

140(XII) The filling of vacancies in the secretariat*

The Economic Commission for Western Asia.

Recalling General Assembly resolution 39/243 of 18 December 1984 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1984/81 of 27 July 1984 on staff and administrative questions of the Economic Commission for Western Asia,

Noting with appreciation the endeavours made by the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Western Asia and the Secretariat at United Nations Headquarters to facilitate the implementation of the above-mentioned General Assembly resolution,

Affirming that implementation of that resolution would enable the secretariat to fill its vacancies and, consequently, to improve its rates of performance and carry out its work programmes for the benefit of member countries,

1. Requests the Executive Secretary to implement that resolution and expedite the filling of vacancies within the appropriate financial period;

2. Further requests the Executive Secretary to submit to the Commission at its thirteenth session a report on the vacancies that have been filled, as well as those that have not been filled, and the reasons for the failure to fill them.

4th plenary meeting
25 April 1985

* See paragraphs 72 to 74 of this report for the discussion leading to the adoption of this resolution.

141 (XII) General study of the economic and social situation and potential of the Palestinian people*

The Economic Commission for Western Asia.

Recalling its resolution 27(III) of 14 May 1976 deciding on the preparation of a comprehensive study of the economic and social situation of the Palestinian Arab people.

Recalling also its resolutions 123(X) of 11 May 1983 and 124(XI) of 26 April 1984.

Noting that the sub-committee referred to in the two above-mentioned resolutions has not met.

1. Decides to refer the study to the secretariat for revision with the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and any other members that wish to participate, it being understood that the observations made or those that might be communicated up to the end of June 1985 will be taken into account;

2. Also decides that the sub-committee shall begin its work within not more than one month after 25 April 1985 and that it is to complete the task entrusted to it by the end of August 1985 at the latest;

3. Requests the Executive Secretary to invite members to an intergovernmental meeting of the Economic Commission for Western Asia at a time no later than the end of October 1985 to approve the study.

3rd plenary meeting
24th April 1985

* See paragraphs 63 to 64 of this report for the discussion leading to the adoption of this resolution.

Annex I

LIST OF DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSION AT ITS
TWELFTH SESSION

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E/ECWA/XII/1	3	Provisional agenda
E/ECWA/XII/1/Rev.1	3	Agenda
E/ECWA/XII/1/Add.1	3	Annotated provisional agenda
E/ECWA/XII/2 and Rev.1	4	Organization of work
E/ECWA/XII/3 and Rev.1 to 3	5	Invitation to States Members of the United Nations or of the specialized agencies not members of the Commission to participate in a consultative capacity in the activities of the twelfth session of the Commission Note by the Executive Secretary
E/ECWA/XII/4 E/ECWA/XII/CP/7	6	Report of the Standing Committee
E/ECWA/XII/5	7(a)	Report on the activities of the Commission: progress made in the implementation of the programme: Note by the Executive Secretary
E/ECWA/XII/5/Add.1/Part I	7(a)	Progress made in the implementation of the work programme: Report of the Executive Secretary I. Programme of work and priorities
E/ECWA/XII/5/Add.1/Part II	7(a)	II. Technical co-operation activities and technical assistance projects

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Agenda item</u>	<u>Title</u>
E/ECWA/XII/5/Add.2	7(a)	Progress made in the implementation of the work programme. Recent developments in international trade and payments in countries of Western Asia: A Review
E/ECWA/XII/5/Add.3	7(a)	Current issues in economic co-operation and integration in Western Asia
E/ECWA/XII/5/Add.4	7(a)	Report to the Commission on follow-up of the implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries in the ECWA Region
E/ECWA/XII/5/Add.5	7(a)	Report to the Commission on industrial pollution control in the ECWA region: experience and prospects
E/ECWA/XII/5/Add.6	7(a)	Report to the Commission on "Mid-Decade Review on the implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action on Science and Technology for Development in the ECWA region" 1979-1984
E/ECWA/XII/5/Add.7	7(a)	Report on the Seminar on Methods of Agricultural Data Collection, Baghdad, 1-4 December 1984
E/ECWA/XII/5/Add.8	7(a)	Report to the Commission on the status of statistics dealing with international migration in the ECWA region

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Agenda item</u>	<u>Title</u>
E/ECWA/XII/5/Add.9 and Corr.1	7(a)	Monetary and financial issues and developments in the ECWA region: a mid-term review and analysis, 1980-1984
E/ECWA/XII/5/Add.10	7(a)	Report to the Commission on draft procedures and/or draft convention as measures to facilitate border crossings
E/ECWA/XII/5/Add.11	7(a)	Promotion of co-operation and co-ordination of activities pertaining to water and sea resources projects in the ECWA region
E/ECWA/XII/6	7(b)	Follow-up action on the resolutions of the Commission (i) ECWA resolution 124(XI). Note by the Executive Secretary
E/ECWA/XII/6/Add.1 and Corr.1	7(b)	Follow-up action on the resolutions of the Commission (ii) ECWA resolution 125(XI) (iv) ECWA resolution 130(XI)
E/ECWA/XII/6/Add.2	7(b)	Follow-up action on the resolutions of the Commission (iii) ECWA resolution 126(XI) on staff and administrative questions
E/ECWA/XII/7	8(a)	Follow-up action at the regional level of the United Nations world conferences and ECWA regional meetings: (a) Fourth General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO IV):

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Agenda item</u>	<u>Title</u>
		ECWA resolution 127(XI): Note by the Executive Secretary
E/ECWA/XII/7/Add.1	8(a) and (c)	Follow-up action at the regional level of the United Nations world conferences and ECWA regional meetings: (b) International Conference on Population (Mexico City), resolution 128(XI); (c) Regional Preparatory Meeting for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women (Baghdad)
E/ECWA/XII/8	9	Financial status of the Commission's programme Regular programme budget of the Commission
E/ECWA/XII/8/Add.1	9	Financial status of the Commission's programme. Extrabudgetary resources supporting the Commission's programmes Note by the Executive Secretary
E/ECWA/XII/8/Add.1/Suppl.1 and Corr.1	9	Financial status of the Commission's programme. Extrabudgetary resources supporting the Commission's programme
E/ECWA/XII/8/Add.2	9	Financial status of the Commission's programme. Trust Fund for ECWA Regional Activities
E/ECWA/XII/9	10	Issues or problems facing the countries of the region (ECWA resolution 119(X): Role of the joint

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		ventures in promoting economic co-operation and integration in Western Asia
E/ECWA/XII/10	11	Co-operation among developing countries and regional organizations Note by the Executive Secretary
E/ECWA/XII/L.11	13	Draft report of the ECWA twelfth session
E/ECWA/XII/11		Final report of the twelfth session
E/ECWA/XII/INF.1		Information for participants
E/ECWA/XII/INF.1/Add.1		Information for participants
E/ECWA/XII/INF.2		Provisional list of documents
E/ECWA/XII/INF.2/Rev.1		List of documents
E/ECWA/XII/INF.3		Provisional list of participants
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Annex II

LIST OF PRINCIPAL PUBLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THE
COMMISSION SINCE ITS ELEVENTH SESSION

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Title</u>
E/ECWA/AGR/IG.1/11	Report of the FAO/ECWA Regional Inter-governmental Consultation on Rural Development in the Near East as follow-up to WCARRD, held in Baghdad (3-6 October 1983). 1984
E/ECWA/AGR/WG.15/9	Report of the Expert Group Meeting on Constraints in Agricultural Planning and Resource Mobilization for Food Security Programmes in the ECWA Region. 1983
E/ECWA/AGR/84/7	Integrated Development Approach for Mountain Farming Areas in the ECWA Region. 1984
E/ECWA/AGR/83/6	The Status and Management of Agricultural Resources in the ECWA Region
E/ECWA/AGR/83/7	Regional Assessment of Desertification in ECWA Region. July 1984.
E/ECWA/AGR/83/8	Agricultural Resources Management and Desertification Control in Iraq. July 1984
E/ECWA/AGR/84/3	Cereal Price Policy in Iraq. 1984
E/ECWA/AGR/84/5	Organization and Management of State Farming in the Syrian Arab Republic. June 1984
E/ECWA/AGR/84/6	Cereal Price Policy in Jordan. September 1984
E/ECWA/AGR/84/8	Guidelines for the Integrated Development of Mountain Areas. February 1985

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Title</u>
E/ECWA/AGR/84/9	Integrated Development of Mountain Farming Areas of the ECWA Region: A Case Study of the Yemen Arab Republic
E/ECWA/FAO/84/WG.1/3	Agricultural Data Collection in the Yemen Arab Republic. November 1984
E/ECWA/FAO/84/WG.1/4	Use of Household Surveys for Collection of Food and Agricultural Statistics. 1984
E/ECWA/FAO/84/WG.1/7	Data Requirements of Agricultural Planning Procedures. November 1984
E/ECWA/FAO/84/WG.1/8	Statistics Needed in Agricultural Planning. November 1984
E/ECWA/FAO/84/WG.1/9/Add.1	Ways of Collecting Agricultural Statistics in Syria. November 1984
E/ECWA/FAO/84/WG.1/10	Sample Survey of Agricultural Holdings with Reference to Applications in ECWA Countries. November 1984
E/ECWA/FAO/84/WG.1/11	Sample Survey of Agricultural Households. December 1984
E/ECWA/FAO/84/WG.1/12	International Recommendations for Agricultural Surveys with Reference to Economic Characteristics. December 1984
E/ECWA/FAO/84/WG.1/13	The Use of Administrative Records in Agricultural Statistics in the ECWA Region. December 1984
E/ECWA/FAO/84/WG.1/14	Data Processing of Agricultural Statistics. December 1984
E/ECWA/FAO/84/WG.1/15	Agricultural Statistics in the Field of National Accounts. December 1984
E/ECWA/FAO/84/WG.1/16	Establishment of Agriculture and Food Commodities Balances. December 1984
E/ECWA/FAO/84/WG.1/17	Agricultural Data Collection in Egypt and the Uses for the Data. December 1984

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Title</u>
E/ECWA/FAO/84/WG.1/18	Methods of Agricultural Data Collection in Iraq. December 1984
E/ECWA/FAO/84/WG.1/19	Agricultural Statistics in Jordan. December 1984
E/ECWA/FAO/84/WG.1/20	Statistical Methods of Estimating Fruit Production. December 1984
_____	Agriculture and Development in Western Asia. Annual Bulletin, No. 6, 1983
E/ECWA/DPD/84/9	Trade of Western Asia with other Developing Regions; Statistical Review and Summary Developments. September 1984
E/ECWA/DPD/84/12	Inter-Arab Joint Ventures in Western Asia: An Analysis of Actual and Potential Contributions to Development and Regional Co-operation. September 1984
E/ECWA/DPD/84/14	Monetary and Financial Issues and Developments in the ECWA Region: A Mid-term Review and Analysis 1980-1984. October 1984
E/ECWA/DPD/84/16	Recent Developments in International Trade and Payments in Countries of Western Asia: A Review. November 1984
E/ECWA/DPD/84/17	Current Issues in Economic Co-operation and Integration in Western Asia. November 1984
E/ECWA/DPD/84/18	Some Reflections on Introducing New Budgetary Techniques in the ECWA Region. 1984
E/ECWA/DPD/85/2	Mid-Term Review and Follow-up of Progress in the Implementation of the Substantial New Programme of Action for the 1980s for the Least Developed Countries in the ECWA Region. September 1984
E/ECWA/DPD/85/3	Summary of the Survey of Economic and Social Developments in the ECWA Region. 1985

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Title</u>
E/ECWA/DPD/85/4	Survey of Economic and Social Developments in the ECWA Region. Baghdad, 1985
E/ECWA/UNCTC/85/1	Operations of Transnational Corporations in Western Asia - Interim Report - February 1985
E/ECWA/UNCTC/85/2	The Relevance of the Code of Conduct on Transnational Corporations to the Countries in Western Asia - Executive Summary - January 1985
E/ECWA/UNCTC/85/3	Operations of Transnational Banks in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. January 1985
E/ECWA/ECU/84/1	Strengthening of Environmental Protection Capabilities in the Countries of Western Asia. October 1984
E/ECWA/ECU/84/2	Strengthening Urban Environmental Management: Case Study of Alexandria Metropolitan Area. November 1984
E/ECWA/ECU/85/2	Status and Trends of Industrial Pollution Control in Western Asia. March 1985
E/ECWA/ECU/85/3	Assignment Report on the Promotion of Environmental Management Activities. March 1985
E/ECWA/NR/85/4	Water Reuse in Western Asia: Experience and Prospects. March 1985
E/ECWA/HS/84/1	The Human Settlements Situation in the Yemen Arab Republic: Country Profile. June 1984
E/ECWA/ID/WG.8/41	Preliminary Technological and Economic Considerations. The Manufacture of Electronic (Semi-Conductor) Components. 1984
E/ECWA/ID/WG.8/42	Final Report. Expert Group Meeting on Development of Micro-electronics in the ECWA Region. June 1984

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Title</u>
E/ECWA/ID/84/7	Industrialization and Industrial Policies and Strategies in the ECWA Region. July 1984
E/ECWA/NR/84/2	Wastewater Reuse and its Applications in the ECWA Region. June 1984
E/ECWA/NR/84/3	Economics of Oil and Gas Transport, with Special References to the ECWA Region.
E/ECWA/NR/84/7	Survey of Recent Developments in the Mineral Resources Sector in the ECWA Region. November 1984
E/ECWA/NR/85/2	Skilled Manpower Needs in Mineral Resources Sector in the ECWA Region. February 1985
E/ECWA/NR/WG.2/1	Final Report of the Joint ECWA/FSSTD Training Workshop on Strategic Problems Involved in Importing Technology for Industrial Investment. October 1984
E/ECWA/NR/85/WG.3/WP.1	Country Report of the Arab Republic of Egypt. January 1985
E/ECWA/NR/85/WG.3/WP.2	Country Report of the State of Bahrain. January 1985
E/ECWA/NR/85/WG.3/WP.3	Country Report of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. January 1985
E/ECWA/NR/85/WG.3/WP.4	Country Report of Kuwait. January 1985
E/ECWA/NR/85/WG.3/WP.5	Country Report of the Syrian Arab Republic. January 1985
E/ECWA/NR/85/WG.3/WP.6	Country Report of Qatar. January 1985
E/ECWA/NR/85/WG.3/WP.7	Country Report of the Palestine Liberation Organization. January 1985
E/ECWA/NR/85/WG.3/WP.8	Country Paper of the United Arab Emirates. January 1985

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Title</u>
E/ECWA/NR/85/WG.3/WP.9	Country Report of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen. February 1985
E/ECWA/NR/85/WG.3/WP.10	Country Report of the Yemen Arab Republic. February 1985
E/ECWA/NR/85/WG.3/WP.11	Country Report of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. February 1985
E/ECWA/NR/85/WG.3/WP.12	Country Report of the Republic of Iraq. February 1985
E/ECWA/NR/85/WG.3/WP.13	Regional Report of the "Mid-decade Review on the Implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action on Science and Technology for Development". February 1985
E/ECWA/NR/85/WG.3/WP.13/ Rev.1	Final Regional Report of the <u>Ad Hoc</u> Expert Group Meeting on "Mid-decade Review on the Implementation of the Vienna Programme of Action on Science and Technology for Development".
E/ECWA/NR/85/WG.4/L.1	Preparatory Regional Expert Group Meeting for the United Nations Conference for the Promotion of International Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy. May 1985
E/ECWA/POP/CONF.5/14	Final Report of the Regional Population Conference in the Arab World. 1984
E/ECWA/POP/CONF.5/15	Amman Declaration on Population in the Arab World. 1984
_____	Population Bulletin of ECWA. No. 24, June 1984
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E/ECWA/SDP/84/CONF.2/3/ Rev.2	Strategy for the Development of Arab Women in Western Asia to the Year 2000. January 1985

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Title</u>
E/ECWA/SDP/84/CONF.2/4	Assessment of the Conditions of Arab Women in Western Asia During the United Nations Decade for Women (1975-1984). December 1984
E/ECWA/SDP/84/CONF.2/5/ Rev.1	Final Report. Regional Preparatory Meeting for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women. January 1985
E/ECWA/SDP/84/CONF.2/NGO/4/ Rev.1	Final Report. Pre-Regional Preparatory Meeting for the United Nations Decade for Women. January 1985
_____	External Trade Bulletin of the ECWA Region. 2nd issue. Baghdad, December 1984
_____	Gross Domestic Product, National Disposable Income in the ECWA Countries. <u>National Accounts</u> studies. Bulletin No. 6, December 1984
_____	Statistical Abstract of the Region of the Economic Commission of Western Asia. Sixth issue. Baghdad, 1984
_____	<u>Studies on Prices and Index Numbers in the ECWA Region 1974-1983</u> . Sixth issue. Baghdad, December 1984
E/ECWA/TCT/84/WG.16/3	Summary of the Study on Transit Harmonization and Standardization of Documents. September 1984
E/ECWA/TCT/84/WG.16/4	Legal Aspects of the Simplification of Transit Formalities in the ECWA Region. October 1984
E/ECWA/TCT/84/WG.16/5	Review of International and Regional Conventions on Customs Procedures and Border Crossing Formalities. September 1984
E/ECWA/TCT/84/WG.16/6/Rev.1	Final Report of the Expert Group Meeting on Technical Aspects of Land Transport Harmonization and Standardization. January 1985

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Title</u>
E/ECWA/TCT/84/4	Legal Aspects on the Facilitation of Transit and Customs Formalities in the Countries of the Western Asia. December 1984
E/ECWA/TCT/84/6	Development of National Merchant Marines and Promotion of Multinational Shipping Enterprises. 1984
E/ECWA/TCT/84/7	Development of Inland Waterway, and Coastal Shipping. 1984
E/ECWA/TCT/85/2	Forecasts of Transport Development in the ECWA Region with Special Emphasis on Regional Transport Development Prospects. January 1985
E/ECWA/TCT/85/3	Preparatory Assistance for an30 Inter-regional Maritime Information System in the ECWA Region. March 1985