

130(XI) Strengthening of the ECWA programme in the area of increasing the participation of Arab women in development

The Economic Commission for Western Asia

Guided by General Assembly resolution 3520(XXX) of 15 December 1975 which called upon the regional commissions to give priority to the development and implementation of effective strategies to further the objectives of the World Plan of Action aimed at increasing the participation of women in development at the regional and subregional levels, bearing in mind the circumstances and priorities of each State,

Recalling its unanimous resolution 17(II) of 9 May 1975 which requested the Executive Secretary to intensify the secretariat's activities in that field,

Recalling further its unanimous resolution 66(V) of 6 October 1978 which adopted the recommendations of the regional plan of action concerning the responsibilities of ECWA in the field of women and development, and urged the Executive Secretary to intensify efforts to implement those recommendations through the necessary programmes and activities,

Appreciating the contribution of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women to the technical assistance projects carried out by the ECWA secretariat for the benefit of its members, thereby highlighting the importance of ongoing support by the international community for that Fund in order to enable it to continue its activities,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 35/136 of 11 December 1980 which called for the convening, at the conclusion of the United Nations Decade for Women, of a world conference to review and appraise achievements in that field,

Mindful of the special importance of the participation of the official delegations of its members in the regional preparatory meeting scheduled for December 1984 with a view to the

adoption of the official documents and common positions constituting its contribution to the World Conference on the United Nations Decade for Women to be held at Nairobi in 1985, and also mindful of the importance of extensive participation by their delegations in the said World Conference.

1. Urges the Executive Secretary to establish the necessary contacts with the League of Arab States, its specialized agencies, and other Arab regional organizations, concerned with a view to contributing towards the holding of the Regional Meeting on Women as part of the Commission's activities in preparation for the World Conference on the United Nations Decade for Women;

2. Requests the Executive Secretary to prepare a report on the possibility of establishing a regional project, within the context of the programme on women, in co-operation with international and Arab regional organizations and bodies, which would be implemented through the secretariat for the conduct of research and studies and the provision of technical assistance and advisory services at the national and ECWA regional levels, taking into consideration the various sources of financing likely to meet the needs of that project.

6th meeting
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