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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.

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