

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

Recalling its resolution 138(XII) of 24 April 1985 concerning the participation of the region of Western Asia in the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific,

Considering the International Telecommunication Union's activities in the field of telecommunications development,

Taking note of the report of the Independent Commission for World Wide Telecommunications Development,^{1/} as well as of the Arusha Declaration on World Telecommunications Development^{2/} adopted by the First Telecommunications Development Conference convened by the International Telecommunication Union at Arusha, Tanzania, from 27 to 30 May 1985,

Recognizing the role and the importance of telecommunications in the socio-economic development process in the region,

1. Invites member States to accord, in their respective national development plans and programmes, sufficiently high priority to the telecommunications sector;

2. Calls upon Governments of member countries of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia to take concerted action for the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Independent Commission for World Wide Telecommunications Development;

3. Urges relevant international and regional organizations and institutions, particularly the International Telecommunication Union and the Arab Telecommunication Union, to support and contribute to the implementation of regional and national telecommunications programmes and projects in the region, in particular within the framework of the plans and programmes of action for the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific;

4. Requests the Commission secretariat to give adequate priority to the telecommunications sector in its future work programmes according to the availability of financial resources.

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24 April 1986

^{1/} The Missing Link: Report of the Independent Commission for World Wide Telecommunications Development (Geneva, International Telecommunication Union, 1985).

^{2/} Proceedings of the World Telecommunications Development Conference (Geneva, International Telecommunication Union, 1985), pp. 3-7.