

147(XIII) United Nations Conference for the Promotion of International Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

Considering the significance of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy for the social and economic development of the countries of the region,

Bearing in mind that its members, with due respect for the principle of the full and permanent sovereignty of each State over its national resources and its economic and scientific activities, have reiterated their desire to promote the peaceful uses of nuclear energy in the service of economic and social development,

Recognizing that the countries of the region, within the limits of their capabilities, are striving to overcome the difficulties facing them in their efforts to acquire the technology, equipment and materials needed for the peaceful uses of nuclear energy,

Recalling that the international community has entrusted the United Nations Conference for the Promotion of International Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy with the task of investigating ways and means of achieving international co-operation in this field,

Further recalling General Assembly resolution 35/112 of 5 December 1980, on the peaceful use of nuclear energy for economic and social development, and reiterating that the aim of the Conference is to promote international co-operation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and, to this end, to establish universally acceptable principles for such co-operation in accordance with the objectives contained in General Assembly resolution 32/50 of 8 December 1977 and to respect and observe the principles set forth in that resolution,

Taking into account the proceedings and findings of the Preparatory Regional Expert Group Meeting for the United Nations Conference for the Promotion of International Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy held at Baghdad from 13 to 16 May 1985 under the auspices of the Commission,

Noting the report of the Preparatory Regional Expert Group Meeting for the Conference^{1/} and sharing its concern over the persistent threats by Israel against any attempt by the countries in the region to develop the use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes as evidenced by the Israeli attack on the Tammuz research reactor in Baghdad in 1981,

Considering with appreciation the additional ideas presented by the secretariat in support of regional co-operation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy,^{2/}

1/ E/ESCWA/NR/85/WG.4/18.

2/ See E/ESCWA/13/6, pp. 24-25.

1. Calls upon the countries of the region to send representatives of the highest level to the United Nations Conference for the Promotion of International Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy;

2. Urges regional and national funding institutions and international and regional organizations to provide financial and technical support to the countries of the region which are striving to develop peaceful applications of nuclear energy, particularly those relating to the use of nuclear power to generate electricity in the region;

3. Requests the Executive Secretary, together with the members of the Commission, to co-operate with Arab, regional and international organizations for the purpose of co-ordinating applications of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and ensuring complementarity, co-operation and joint implementation of such applications in the region;

4. Calls upon the Executive Secretary, in co-operation with the members of the Commission, within existing resources and in the framework of economic and technical co-operation among developing countries, to formulate detailed proposals for the achievement of interregional co-operation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy;

5. Further requests the Executive Secretary to endeavour to obtain additional resources outside the regular budget of the secretariat for the proper implementation at the regional level of any programme of action stemming from the Conference, as well as for any other functions in the field of the peaceful uses of nuclear energy which may be entrusted to it subsequent to the Conference;

6. Calls upon the members of the Commission and upon the Executive Secretary to redouble their efforts in the General Assembly, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the other international organizations concerned, with the aim of establishing an international system reinforcing the principles that proscribe armed aggression against nuclear installations dedicated to peaceful purposes, particularly those subject to the supervision of the International Atomic Energy Agency, with a view to preventing a repetition of armed Israeli aggression against Iraqi or other nuclear installations;

7. Requests the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its fourteenth session on the measures taken to implement the present resolution.

3rd plenary meeting
24 April 1986