

148(XIII) Interregional consultation on developmental social welfare policies and programmes^x

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/22 of 26 May 1983 on the interregional consultation on developmental social welfare policies and programmes,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General^{1/} concerning steps taken with a view to convening an interregional consultation on developmental and social welfare policies and programmes,

Affirming the importance of social welfare policies and programmes for raising the standard of living of the neediest classes and integrating those classes in the overall development process as an objective of human resource development in the region of Western Asia, particularly in the present circumstances affecting it as a result of the reduction in financial resources,

Aware that the members of the Commission have made considerable progress in developing their policies, programmes and institutions for developmental social welfare in order to render them instrumental in strengthening the constituent elements of endogenous development at the country and regional levels,

Recalling the declaration adopted by the Pan-Arab Regional Conference on Social Welfare Policies, organized by the secretariat of the League of Arab States and held at Tunis in October 1985,

1. Expresses its gratification at the efforts made by the United Nations Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs to convene the interregional consultation on developmental social welfare policies and programmes in November 1987;

2. Requests the Executive Secretary to ensure that the secretariat of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia will prepare a report reviewing the present situation of social welfare policies and programmes in the region of Western Asia and the future strategies of the countries of the region in that regard so that the report will be a document of the interregional consultation;

3. Calls upon members to participate in the said interregional consultation and to contribute their experience and strategies for the future relating to the topic of the meeting within the framework of other regional experiences.

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^{1/} E/CN.5/1985/7 and Add.1.