

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

Having reviewed the reports of the Executive Secretary on the financial status of the Commission's programme: regular programme budget of the Commission,^{1/} on the extrabudgetary resources supporting the Commission's programme,^{2/} and on economy measures,^{3/}

Having heard the supplementary information provided by the secretariat on the financial crisis from which the United Nations is currently suffering and on the far-reaching measures adopted by the United Nations Secretariat in order to limit expenditure on its various bodies, which have had repercussions on the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia by seriously reducing the allocations made to it, whether for administrative purposes or for the financing of its programmes and activities, thereby creating the danger of curtailing the tasks and activities entrusted to the Commission for the biennium 1986-1987,

1. Expresses its deep concern at any financial measures aimed at reducing the Commission's mandated activities for the biennium 1986-1987 and at any measures aimed at limiting the ability of the Commission to supplement the human resources necessary to carry out those activities;

2. Further expresses its particular concern at the application of the financial measures adopted by the United Nations Secretariat to all of its bodies indiscriminately, without regard for the special and unique situation of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, particularly the shortage of the human resources that are a basic necessity for it to carry out its mandated programmes and activities, especially since the Commission has already undertaken, in adopting its budget, to cancel thirty subprogrammes because of the lack of sufficient financial and human resources;

3. Reaffirms its strong desire that the Commission should receive support, in all possible ways and by all possible means, in the task of pursuing its work and continuing to assume and to consolidate its constructive role;

4. Invites the Economic and Social Council to call upon the General Assembly to strengthen and expand the positive and constructive role assumed by the Commission in the economic and social development of the region so as to make a more far-reaching contribution to promoting regional and national development plans and programmes.

3rd plenary meeting
24 April 1986

^{1/} E/ESCWA/13/9.

^{2/} E/ESCWA/13/9/Add.1/Rev.1.

^{3/} E/ESCWA/13/9/Add.3.