

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

Recalling the generous offer of the Government of the Republic of Iraq, accepted by the Economic and Social Council, to provide for the establishment of the permanent headquarters of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia in Baghdad together with all the necessary support facilities for the Commission and its staff,

Also recalling the Agreement between the United Nations and the Government of the Republic of Iraq relating to the Headquarters of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia of 13 June 1979 and the Supplementary Agreements concluded pursuant thereto, including the Supplementary Agreement relating to the Premises to be Occupied as the Permanent Headquarters of the Commission of 30 June 1983,

Taking note of the report of the Executive Secretary on the permanent headquarters of the Commission^{1/} and of the wish of the host country that, for security reasons, the headquarters should relocate to other premises in Baghdad without incurring any cost or loss to the United Nations as a result of such relocation,

Expressing the conviction that the host country, in accordance with the great hospitality and generosity which it has always extended to the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, will wish to ensure that in any change of location the highest standards already secured for the Commission and its staff at its present location will be maintained,

Desiring to ensure that any change in location will be carried out without disruption of the work of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia and in full accord with the terms of the Headquarters Agreement and the Supplementary Agreements concluded pursuant thereto,

1. Recommends to the Economic and Social Council that the Executive Secretary of the Commission be authorized to enter into discussions with the Government of the host country on matters including the following:

(a) The provision by the host country of the permanent headquarters of the Commission at any new location in Baghdad, on the understanding that it will be provided with all the necessary facilities including equipment to enable the Commission to perform its functions;

(b) A suitable timing of a move to a new permanent headquarters once adequate alternative facilities to those available at the present headquarters have been identified;

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

(c) The financial arrangements involved in any move, so that it is carried out without cost to the United Nations and without any financial loss resulting from improvements made or equipment installed in the present headquarters at the expense of the United Nations which cannot be transferred to a new location;

(d) The formulation of any revised Supplementary Agreement or Agreements which may be necessary to give effect to the foregoing or to deal with any other matters pending which either party may consider it necessary to resolve;

2. Requests the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission and its members and to the Economic and Social Council, as and when he considers necessary, on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution and, in any event, not later than the fourteenth session of the Commission.

3rd plenary meeting

24 April 1986