

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

Taking note of the report of the Executive Secretary on technical co-operation activities and technical assistance projects,<sup>2/</sup> particularly as it relates to the strengthening of national household survey capabilities,

Recalling that the National Household Survey Capability Programme was established to assist members of the Commission to obtain, by means of household surveys, the constant flow of statistical information necessary for the preparation and adoption of development plans and policies and to develop their national capabilities in the conduct of such surveys,

Recalling the reports of the Second Meeting of Heads of Central Statistical Organizations in the ESCWA Region<sup>3/</sup> and the Tripartite Review Meeting on regional household survey project RAB/80/009, as well as the recommendations made by them with regard to the importance of continuing the project to the end of 1991,

Further recalling the contribution of the Commission to the inputs to the regional project and its future plans to increase its support to the project in the light of the budget proposed by the Tripartite Review Meeting held in March 1987,

Expressing its gratitude to the United Nations Development Programme for its interest in the National Household Survey Capability Programme and its contribution to the financing of the regional project,

Noting that a number of member countries which have prepared detailed household survey programmes have as yet been unable to achieve self-reliance owing to the lack of technical and financial resources and because of the obstacles indicated in the recommendations of the Tripartite Review Meeting,<sup>1/</sup>

Further noting that the completion of household surveys within the framework of country programmes is largely dependent on the technical services provided by the regional project,

1. Stresses the importance of continuing the project to the end of 1991, while calling upon the United Nations Development Programme to continue to contribute to the project and to provide funding at a level no lower than that of its present contribution and requesting the International Labour Organisation to appoint a regional adviser within the framework of the project,

2. Urges international organizations, the funding agencies and the Arab funds to provide financial and technical support to the members of the Commission in the implementation of their national household survey programmes.

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<sup>1/</sup> See document E/ESCWA/C.1/14/4(part II)/Rev.1/Add.1

<sup>2/</sup> E/ESCWA/C.1/14/4(Part II)/Rev.1 and Corr.1.

<sup>3/</sup> E/ESCWA/C.1/14/6/Add.1.