

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

Recalling General Assembly resolution 32/197 of 20 December 1977 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system, and particularly those of its provisions that relate to the regional commissions in developing co-ordination at the regional level and to the functions and responsibilities of the commissions in the programme planning and review process,

Also recalling General Assembly resolution 36/228 of 18 December 1981 on programme planning, and part A of that resolution in particular,

Taking account of the final report^{1/} of the Meeting of Eminent Persons on Programme Priorities for the Medium-Term Plan for the Period 1990-1995,

1. Stresses the need to ensure that the plan fully and harmoniously reflects the development priorities and requirements of the States members of the Commission in the light of recent developments in the region and the world;

2. Approves, in that connection, the draft medium-term plan for the period 1990-1995: general framework and priorities^{2/} in the light of the priorities set forth hereunder and subject to the detailed observations on the plan to be submitted by members within the next two months;

3. Requests the Executive Secretary:

(a) To ensure, in the formulation of the medium-term plan for the period 1990-1995, that the priorities should be in keeping with the distinctive features and characteristics of the region and that the intensification of efforts in those programmes concerned with the agricultural

and industrial sectors and in activities relating to food security, water and mineral resources, new and renewable sources of energy, science and technology (particularly advanced technology, information technology and informatics), social development and the development of human resources and administrative capabilities are among the priorities to be observed by the Commission in the formulation and implementation of its programmes within the limits of available resources, while taking action to realize the relative advantage of the Commission as a multi-disciplinary institution and to increase its effectiveness in the region so that it will be able to combine such priorities into a limited number of major focal points and apply to them an integrated approach;

(b) To submit to the Technical Committee at its sixth session a report on the implementation of the present recommendations.

3rd plenary meeting
5 April 1987

^{1/} E/ESCWA/MTP/86/3.

^{2/} E/ESCWA/C.1/14/9/Rev.1