

158(XIV). Holding of the sessions of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia on a biennial basis

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

Recalling paragraph 1 of its resolution 153(XIII) of 24 April 1986 requesting the secretariat to carry out a study on the possibility of amending rule 1(a) of the Commission's rules of procedure so that the session, meeting at the ministerial level, should normally be held every two years, provided that the said study should include details of the consequences of such an amendment for the activities and work of the Commission,

Recalling further the agreement reached by the members of the Commission in the light of that resolution that the fourteenth session should be held in 1987 and that sessions should subsequently be held on a biennial basis,

Aware of the importance of the new measures taken by the United Nations to improve the administrative and financial functioning of the Organization, to economize on financial resources and to curb expenditures because of the current financial crisis,

Desirous of committing itself to working within such a framework in order to promote the positive and constructive role to which it aspires in the economic and social development fields in the region of Western Asia,

Satisfied that holding the sessions of the Commission at the ministerial level on a biennial basis would coincide with the period of time covered by the Commission's programme of work and priorities, thereby providing both secretariat and members with greater opportunity to consider the outcome of a complete work programme,

1. Decides to amend paragraph 1(a) of the Commission's rules of procedure to read as follows:

"Dates of sessions

"Rule 1

"Sessions of the Commission shall be held:

"(a) Normally in April every other year, at a time to be determined by the members of the Commission;

" ... ";

2. Requests the Executive Secretary:

(a) To prepare in those years when no session is held a detailed report on the activities, plans and programmes of the Commission, including those of its subsidiary bodies, for submission to the Economic and Social Council so that the Council may remain fully informed;

(b) To communicate the said report to the Chairman of the Commission's session at the ministerial level and to the members of the Commission prior to its submission to the Economic and Social Council so that they may propose whatever amendments or additions they may deem necessary.

3rd plenary meeting  
5 April 1987