

159(XIV). Quorum for meetings of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

Recalling rule 36 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, which provides that "A majority of the members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum",

Further recalling rule 19 of the Commission's rules of procedure, which provides that "Unless the Commission decides otherwise, these rules shall apply to subsidiary bodies as far as appropriate",

Desiring to ensure that the meetings of the Commission and of its subsidiary bodies are held as scheduled and in a convenient and effective manner, as is the custom in the other regional commissions and the main organs of the United Nations,

Decides to amend the rules of procedure of the Commission so that rule 36 will read as follows:

"Quorum

"Rule 36

"The Chairman may declare a meeting of the Commission or any of its subsidiary bodies open and permit the debate to proceed when at least one third of the members are present. The presence of a majority of the members shall be required for any decision to be taken."

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