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**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION**

**FOLLOW-UP ACTION ON THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE  
COMMISSION AT ITS FIFTEENTH SESSION**

- (ix) Resolution 174(XV) on the draft programme of work  
and priorities for the biennium 1990-1991

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) at its plenary session requested in operative para. 2 of resolution 174(XV) of 18 May 1989 on the draft programme of work and priorities for the biennium 1990-1991 that the Executive Secretary "submit a report to the Technical Committee at its seventh session on any modifications to the programme which may need to be made."

On account of the Gulf crisis, the secretariat was regrettably obliged to repatriate its international staff on a temporary basis for a period of approximately one year, which necessitated reduction and modification of certain activities under its programme of work. The consequent modifications are reported in detail under provisional agenda item 5(a): "Progress made in the implementation of the programme of work for the biennium 1990-1991" (E/ESCWA/16/3(Part I)).