

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 39/243 of 18 December 1984, Economic and Social Council resolutions 1984/81 of 27 July 1984 and 1986/59 of 22 July 1986 and Commission resolutions 126(XI) of 26 April 1984, 140(XII) of 25 April 1985 and 144(XIII) of 24 April 1986, all dealing with staff and administrative questions, a subject of great importance to the Commission,

Drawing attention to the fact that the Commission was created only thirteen years ago and, as a result of relocations, the onset of zero-growth budgets and the financial crisis of 1986 which continues into 1987, has not had the opportunity to reach the substantive capacity necessary to have a major impact on the development of the region,

1. Calls on the Economic and Social Council to request the General Assembly to recognize the Commission's special situation and to recommend to the United Nations Secretariat that it grant the Commission relief from current restrictions so as to enable it to obtain the human and financial resources necessary to perform its duties effectively,

2. Requests the Executive Secretary, in view of the above, to approach the United Nations Secretariat with concrete proposals on, and justification for, the need to limit the applicability of both the restrictions on filling vacancies and the reduction of established posts as far as the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia is concerned, to permit it to reach its minimum substantive capacity in terms of human resources.

3rd plenary meeting

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