

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

Having met in response to the invitation addressed to it by the Executive Secretary to convene a third special session in order to consider the question of the temporary relocation of the staff of its secretariat outside Iraq,

Having considered the note by the Executive Secretary on the matter,<sup>1/</sup> the commentary thereon provided by him and the views expressed by the delegation of Iraq, representing the host country,

Expressing its sincere appreciation to the secretariat for the efforts made by it to perform its functions in the service of economic and social development issues in the region,

Also expressing its deep appreciation for all that Iraq, the host country, has generously done in order to enable the Commission to perform its functions in the best possible manner despite the exceptional circumstances the country is experiencing,

Desiring to ensure the stability necessary for the Commission and for the staff of its secretariat to be able to carry out the tasks entrusted to them in an optimum manner,

1. Reaffirms its resolution 35(S-II) of 23 August 1976, on the site of the permanent headquarters of the Economic Commission for Western Asia, and the determination of the Commission to maintain its permanent headquarters at Baghdad;

2. Decides not to agree to relocate temporarily the staff of the Commission from its present headquarters to a site outside Iraq.

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<sup>1/</sup> E/ESCWA/S-3/4/Rev.1.