

169(XV). Support for the Regional Household Survey Project in the ESCWA countries

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

Taking note of the report of the Executive Secretary on the progress made in the field of technical co-operation^{1/} and in particular in the field of strengthening national household survey capabilities,

Recalling the reports of the Second Meeting of Heads of Central Statistical Organizations, held on 25 and 26 March 1987, and of the Tripartite Review Meeting on the Regional Household Survey Project^{2/} and the recommendations of both meetings concerning the importance of consultancy services in the field of household surveys,

Recalling also the report of the Third Meeting of Heads of Central Statistical Organizations, held from 28 February to 2 March 1989, and its expression of appreciation of the consultancy services provided by the secretariat in the field of household surveys, its reaffirmation of the continued need of most member countries for more technical services in order to implement household surveys and to strengthen national capabilities in this field, and also the recommendation of the Meeting concerning the need to continue the activities of the Regional Household Survey Project and to strive to transform it into a permanent work programme of the Statistics Division,

Recalling also the financial support provided by the United Nations Development Programme from 1981 to 1987 in order to strengthen national household survey capabilities, and the statement made at the 3rd plenary meeting of the present session of the Commission by the Regional Director of the United Nations Development Programme,

Noting that member States are preparing national household survey programmes and projects to be implemented on a continuous basis and that the execution of such national programmes and projects relies to a large extent on technical services provided by the secretariat in this field,

1. Stresses the continuing importance of the technical services of the Commission in the field of household surveys and the need to develop these services in order to meet the needs of member States and to keep abreast of world developments in the field of information technology;

2. Invites the Executive Secretary to exert efforts to ensure the necessary funds to guarantee the continuation of the Regional Household Survey Project and to strive to transform it into a regular work programme of the Statistics Division;

3. Invites the Executive Secretary to request the International Labour Organisation to contribute the services of an adviser in the field of labour statistics;

^{1/} E/ESCWA/C.1/15/4(Part II).

^{2/} RAB/80/009.

4. Requests the secretariat to recontact the United Nations Development Programme for support of the Regional Household Survey Project, provided that member States support this request through their permanent representatives and include it in their country programmes submitted to the United Nations Development Programme;

5. Conveys its thanks to the Arab Gulf Programme for the United Nations Development Organizations for its support of the Regional Household Survey Project and calls upon the secretariat to pursue its contacts for the purpose of signing the necessary agreement with that body;

6. Requests the Executive Secretary to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Commission at its sixteenth session.

3rd plenary meeting
18 May 1989