16 (II). A programme of action in favour of the least developed countries

The Economic Commission for Western Asia,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 2768 (XXVI) of 18 November 1971 in which, inter alia, the Assembly approved the list of hard-core least developed countries identified by the Committee for Development Planning, and requested United Nations organs to initiate, as appropriate, action-oriented programmes, within their respective fields of competence, in favour of the least developed countries.

Also recalling General Assembly resolutions 3036 (XXVII) of 19 December 1972 317h (XXVIII) of 17 December 1973, and 321h (XXIX) of 6 November 1974, urging, inter alia, member States and organizations of the United Nations system to intensify their efforts in favour of the least developed countries,

Taking note of the review of the list of hard-core countries envisaged by the Committee for Development Planning at its eleventh session, in the context of the mid-term review and appraisal of progress in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

- 1. Supports the findings of the secretarist of the Economic Commission for Western Asia and those of the Centre for Development Planning, Projections and Policies of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, for the inclusion of Democratic Yemen and Yemen in the 1975 revised list of the hard core least developed among developing countries; and urges the Economic and Social Council to endorse that position;
- 2. <u>Urges</u> the Executive Secretary to continue his efforts to provide additional services and activities to promote the economic and social development process in those countries.