

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

Taking note of the two reports of the Executive Secretary submitted to the Commission at its present session on progress made in the implementation of the programme of work for the biennium 1990-1991: technical cooperation activities;<sup>1/</sup> and on follow-up action on its resolution 169(XV) of 18 May 1989 on support for the Regional Household Survey Project in the ESCWA countries,<sup>2/</sup>

Referring to the reports issued at the meetings of the heads of central statistical organizations, the third of which was held in Baghdad from 28 February to 2 March 1989; the appreciation expressed concerning the consultancy services provided by the secretariat of the Commission in the field of household surveys; the reaffirmation of the continued need of most member countries for more technical services in order to implement this Project and strengthen national capabilities in this field, with stress placed on the need to continue the activities of the Project,

Confirming the contents of its resolution 169(XV) regarding efforts made to secure the necessary funds for the Project,

Taking note of the financial support provided to the Project by the Arab Gulf Programme for United Nations Development Organizations,

Taking note also of the orientations of the Regional Household Survey Project's fourth phase (1992-1997), as contained in the Executive Secretary's report referred to above, which is submitted to the present session,

Noting that the preparation and implementation of country programmes and projects for household surveys is a continuous process and that some countries still need technical services related to the performance of these country programmes and projects which the Commission is able to provide,

Also noting the considerable development in information technology and the importance of following up this technological development and the transfer of knowledge and expertise in informatics through the provision of training and the appropriate means of education to technical staff in central statistical organizations and to statistical units in various country institutions, as well as to those concerned with the uses of technology,

1. Stresses the importance of continuing the services provided by the Commission in the field of household surveys;

2. Invites the Executive Secretary to exert efforts with various United Nations, Arab and international organizations to provide the necessary financial resources to ensure continuity of the project;

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

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<sup>1/</sup> E/ESCWA/16/3/(Part II).

<sup>2/</sup> E/ESCWA/16/4/Add.5.