

182(XVI). Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Decade for Western Asia (1994-2003)

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 45/225 of 21 December 1990 and 46/173 of 19 December 1991 on assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon; 45/222 of 21 December 1990 on assistance for the reconstruction and development of Yemen; 46/174 of 19 December 1991 on special assistance to Yemen to cope with the economic and social consequences of returnees; and 45/183 of 21 December 1990 and 46/201 of 20 December 1991 on assistance to the Palestinian people,

Recalling also its resolutions 24(III) of 14 May 1976 on reconstruction and development of Lebanon; 65(V) of 6 October 1978 on the establishment of an agency for the reconstruction of Lebanon; 77(VII) of 22 April 1980 on assistance in the reconstruction of Lebanon; 107(IX) of 11 May 1982 on international assistance to the flood-stricken areas of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen;* 176(XV) of 18 May 1989 on international assistance to the flood-stricken areas of Democratic Yemen;* 117(X) of 11 May 1983 on international assistance to the earthquake-stricken areas of Yemen; and 160(XIV) of 5 April 1987 on economic and social conditions of the Palestinian people,

Noting with deep concern the devastating effects of man-made destruction and natural disasters on economic and social conditions, growth and development prospects and the environment and ecological systems, and of massive dislocation of population and labour on countries of Western Asia,

Noting also the increasing number of countries affected and the slow progress achieved in reconstruction and rehabilitation efforts,

Aware that the magnitude of the task of reconstruction is beyond the capabilities of the countries concerned to accomplish from their own resources,

Reaffirming the urgent need to intensify international efforts to provide assistance to affected countries in the region to rehabilitate their economic and institutional infrastructures,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the secretariat for the steps it has taken to help member countries in their reconstruction and rehabilitation;
2. Declares the period 1994-2003 a Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Decade for Western Asia;
3. Requests the secretariat, in close coordination with concerned regional and international organizations, to intensify efforts aimed at promoting regional cooperation in the areas of reconstruction, rehabilitation and manpower, including organizing a meeting to assess and review progress made and formulate appropriate policies;
4. Calls upon member States and regional and international organizations, including development finance institutions, to provide financial and technical assistance to affected countries to supplement the resources of these countries to that end;
5. Further calls upon the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to intensify their programmes of assistance and to expand them in response to the pressing reconstruction and rehabilitation needs of countries in the region;

* On 22 May 1990, the Yemen Arab Republic and the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen merged to form a single sovereign State called the Republic of Yemen.

6. Requests the Executive Secretary to continue and to intensify his efforts to mobilize all possible assistance within the secretariat, and to give priority in the work programme, particularly in the provision of advisory services and technical assistance, to the countries engaged in reconstruction;

7. Also requests the Executive Secretary to prepare and submit to the Commission at its seventeenth session a report on the possibility of establishing a fund for reconstruction and development in the region;

8. Further requests the Executive Secretary to report to the seventeenth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

5th plenary meeting
2 September 1992