

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

Recalling Economic and Social Council decision 1991/230 of 30 May 1991 on a world summit for social development, which requested the Secretary-General to carry out consultations with all States Members of the United Nations on the possibility of convening a world summit for social development,

Further recalling General Assembly resolution 46/139 of 31 March 1992 on social development, which welcomed the above decision of the Economic and Social Council and called upon the Council, after considering the report of the Secretary-General requested by Council decision 1991/230, to make an appropriate recommendation to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session,

Taking into account the note by the Secretary-General of 1 July 1992 on the world summit for social development (E/1992/80), which stressed that the World Summit for Social Development could provide leadership at the highest level for a shared world-wide commitment to put people at the centre of development and international cooperation and could provide an important opportunity to develop a common framework for a more comprehensive approach to United Nations action in this sphere,

Taking into account also the deteriorating social situation in the region, with particular reference to increasing poverty, unemployment, disability, crime and drug abuse, shelter and health care costs, and to the accessibility of basic education,

Noting the interdependence of stability, peace, social security and welfare,

1. Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/27 of 30 July 1992 on social development;

2. Requests the Executive Secretary to represent the concerns of the people of Western Asia through the Commission's active involvement in the Summit and in all its preparatory steps.