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The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/91 of 26 July 1989 on the convening of an international meeting on population in 1994 under the auspices of the United Nations,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/93 of 26 July 1991 on the International Conference on Population and Development, especially paragraph 8, which requests the Secretary-General of the Conference to make use of the substantive contribution of all concerned organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, and of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, in the preparatory activities for the Conference; and paragraph 10, which invites the regional commissions to convene as soon as possible meetings or conferences to review the experience gained in population policies and programmes in their regions, in the light of paragraphs 3 and 4 of the same resolution, bearing in mind the relationship between such policies and programmes and development issues, and to propose future action, as part of their contribution to the preparatory activities for the Conference.

Taking into consideration the agreement between the secretariat of the Commission, the League of Arab States Secretariat and the United Nations Population Fund to jointly convene the Arab Population Conference including a three day intergovernmental expert group meeting (4 to 6 April 1993), immediately followed by a two-day ministerial meeting (7 and 8 April 1993) in Amman, Jordan,

Acknowledging with appreciation the contributions of parties involved in the above agreement,

Recognizing that the overall objective of the 1993 Arab Population Conference is to adopt, in preparation for the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development, a common position regarding population issues,

Requests each member State of the Commission to actively participate in the Arab Population Conference by, inter alia, ensuring a high level of representation and making substantive contributions to this Conference at the national level.

5th plenary meeting 2 September 1992