

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

Referring to the request submitted by the Lebanese Government regarding transferring and hosting the permanent headquarters of the Commission in Beirut,

Referring also to the Iraqi Government's memorandum containing a request for the Commission's staff to return to Baghdad by 31 December 1992, failing which the Iraqi Government would retake the present buildings, being ready to provide other buildings for this purpose,

Further referring to the request received from the Jordanian Government regarding transferring and hosting the permanent headquarters of the Commission in Amman,

Also referring to document E/ESCWA/16/11 prepared by the secretariat of the Commission on the permanent headquarters of the Commission,

Taking into consideration the necessity to provide stability for the secretariat of the Commission, which is vital for the performance of the tasks entrusted to it,

1. Decides to hold a special session of the Commission in Beirut within a period of one year from the date of this resolution to discuss the question of the permanent headquarters of the Commission;

2. Expresses appreciation to the Government of Lebanon for its offer to host the special session of the Commission and for its preparedness to meet the expenses involved;

3. Requests the Executive Secretary of the Commission to take the necessary measures to study the request received from the Government of Lebanon and that received from the Jordanian Government, as well as any other request that may be received from any member State of the Commission regarding the transfer and hosting of the permanent headquarters of the Commission, and also requests the Executive Secretary to submit to the Commission at its special session a detailed report on the contacts which he has made with regard to the Commission's permanent headquarters containing an appraisal of the offers made in this respect;

4. Expresses also its thanks to the Iraqi Government as the present host of the Commission for the facilities it has provided and is providing to the Commission, and appeals to the Iraqi Government to consult with the Executive Secretary of the Commission before taking any measures relating to buildings allocated for the permanent headquarters of the Commission in Baghdad "in the light of the agreement concluded between the United Nations and the Republic of Iraq on the headquarters of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia" and signed in Baghdad on 13 June 1979;

5. Thanks the Jordanian Government for hosting the Commission on a temporary basis since August 1991 and for providing all the necessary facilities for it.