

196 (XVII). Frequency of sessions of the Commission and the Technical Committee<sup>1</sup>

*The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,*

*Recalling* its resolution 158 (XIV) of 5 April 1987 on the holding of the sessions of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia on a biennial basis,

*Recalling also* its resolution 178 (XVI) of 2 September 1992, on the frequency of sessions of the Technical Committee, in which it was decided that the session of the Technical Committee would be held in the years when no Commission session was held,

*Convinced* of the benefit of continuity of the sessions of the Commission and the Technical Committee, of their being held consecutively in one period, and of the need for the sessions of the Commission to be held in odd years, in conformity with the budget sessions of the United Nations system and the cycle to monitor the progress achieved in the programmes of work of the system,

*Taking into consideration* the terms of reference of the Technical Committee, as stated in Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/64 of 30 July 1982 on the establishment of a Standing Committee for the Programme of the Economic Commission for Western Asia, and in Council resolution 1984/80 of 27 July 1984 on the general policy-making structure of the Economic Commission for Western Asia,

1. *Decides* that the meetings of the Technical Committee shall henceforth be linked with the sessions of the Commission, in accordance with previous practice, and that the Technical Committee shall hold its meeting shortly before the Commission session;

2. *Decides also* that Commission sessions shall be held in odd years, starting in 1995, in conformity with the budget session of the United Nations and with the cycle to monitor the progress achieved in the programmes of work of the system;

3. *Reaffirms* its request to the Executive Secretary, in paragraph 2(a) of resolution 158 (XIV) to prepare a detailed report on the activities, plans, and programmes of the Commission for submission to the Economic and Social Council in those years when no session is held.

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31 May 1994

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<sup>1</sup> The Technical Committee adopted this resolution at its eighth session for submission to the Commission at its seventeenth session.