

**204 (XVIII). ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMITTEE ON ENERGY
IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA**

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

Aware that petroleum and gas are not the only energy resources available in ESCWA member States, but that there also exist renewable sources of energy, and that close regional cooperation is needed to strengthen the capabilities of the member States for developing the use of renewable sources of energy,

Aware also of the importance of coordinating activities in the field of energy with environmental protection efforts in the member States and related issues pertaining to the development, transport and use of energy sources, the rationalization of their use and the related impact on the environment and on the bases of sustainable development in member States,

Conscious of the importance of the participation of the competent authorities of the ESCWA member States in the planning and development of the secretariat's programmes in the field of energy and in the monitoring of their implementation,

Inspired by the steps taken by other United Nations regional commissions for the establishment of specialized committees in various energy areas to ensure the coordination of action at the regional level,

1. *Decides* to establish a committee on energy, made up of representatives of ESCWA member States who are specialized in the field of energy, to undertake the following activities:

(a) Participation in the establishment and formulation of priorities for programmes of work and medium-term plans in the field of energy;

(b) Monitoring of developments in the field of energy in ESCWA member States;

(c) Monitoring of the progress achieved in the activities of the ESCWA secretariat in the field of energy;

(d) Follow-up of international and regional conferences, participation of member States in them and coordination of member States' efforts in connection with the implementation of resolutions and recommendations;

2. *Decides also* that, starting in 1996, the committee on energy shall hold its meetings every two years;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to follow up the implementation of the present resolution and report thereon to the Commission at its nineteenth session.

3rd plenary meeting
25 May 1995