

211 (XIX). Draft programme of work and priorities for the biennium 1998-1999^{1/}

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 51/219 of 18 December 1996 on programme planning, which approved the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001 as a translation of legislative mandates into programmes and the embodiment of the general policy guidelines and objectives set out by the intergovernmental bodies, and also as constituting the principal general policy directive of the United Nations,

Noting with appreciation the draft programme of work and priorities for the biennium 1998-1999,

Noting also that the draft programme of work and priorities reflects the strategies and objectives of the medium-term plan,

1. *Approves* the draft programme of work and priorities for the biennium 1998-1999, in accordance with the guidelines contained in the report of the Technical Committee on the work of its tenth session, held in Beirut on 5 and 6 May 1997;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report any changes effected in the programme of work and priorities to the Commission at its twentieth session.

2nd plenary meeting

7 May 1997

^{1/} Also referred to in other documents as the "proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999".