

**213 (XIX). Establishment of a committee on transport in the
Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia**

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

Aware of the vital role of transport infrastructures in national socio-economic development,

Aware also of the importance of the integration of transport networks with a view to contributing to the acceleration of regional cooperation processes,

Conscious of the important role of the transport sector in facilitating the flow of goods and passengers among countries and regions, thus contributing to the liberalization of international trade, the promotion of tourism and the growth of exports, particularly within the context of the growing trend towards globalization,

Inspired by the steps taken by other United Nations regional commissions for the establishment of specialized committees in various transport fields to ensure the coordination of work at the regional level,

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

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

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

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

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

2. *Also decides* that, starting in 1999, the committee on transport 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 twentieth session.

2nd plenary meeting

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