

217 (XIX). Call for the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, to be held in 1999 in conjunction with its twentieth session, and discussion of the role of the Commission in the coming century in view of global and regional developments

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1818 (LV) of 9 August 1973, which established the Commission for the purpose of consolidating development efforts in Western Asia and promoting regional economic cooperation among the countries of the region,

Commending the activities which the Commission has undertaken since its establishment in the various fields of economic and social development, thus supporting the development efforts of the member States and promoting cooperation among them,

1. *Decides* to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Commission during the twentieth session, to be held in 1999;
2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Commission to take all measures that he deems necessary in this regard, including the preparation of the necessary studies for the celebration of that occasion;
3. *Invites* the Governments of the member States to take this opportunity to formulate a new vision, defining the role and tasks of the Commission in line with regional and world developments in the coming century;
4. *Also invites* the Governments of the member States to participate in this celebration at the highest level;
5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take part in this event.

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