

219 (XX). Frequency of sessions of the subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

Conscious of the need for uniform frequency of the sessions of all the subsidiary bodies,

Recalling resolution 212 (XIX) of 7 May 1997, which provides for the holding of the sessions of the Committee on Water Resources annually,

Recalling also resolution 214 (XIX) of 7 May 1997, which provides for the establishment of a technical committee on liberalization of foreign trade and economic globalization in the countries of the ESCWA region, whose meetings are to be held annually,

Recalling further that the ESCWA secretariat can provide support and advice to the member States on request during years in which no sessions of the subsidiary bodies are held,

Realizing that the subsidiary bodies can hold special sessions as needed, in accordance with the provisions of the rules of procedure of ESCWA,

1. *Approves* the amendment of resolutions 212 (XIX) and 214 (XIX) to the effect that the sessions of the Committee on Water Resources and the Technical Committee on Liberalization of Foreign Trade and Economic Globalization in the Countries of the ESCWA Region shall be held biennially rather than annually;

2. *Emphasizes* that the sessions of all the subsidiary bodies shall be held once every two years.

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