

**Resolution 238 (S-IV)**  
**Revised medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 and**  
**revised programme of work and priorities for the biennium 2002-2003**

*The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.*

*Guided by* General Assembly resolution 55/2 of 8 September 2000, entitled "United Nations Millennium Declaration", as the main document identifying the purposes and principles which the Organization is endeavouring to uphold at the dawn of the third millennium,

*Also guided by* the report of the Secretary-General to the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly (A/56/326), entitled "Road map towards the implementation of the United Nations Millennium Declaration",

*Referring to* the potential strategies contained in "Renewing the United Nations: a programme for reform" (A/51/950), which calls for United Nations activities to be rationalized and made more effective,

*Pursuant to* the recommendation endorsed by the Commission at its twenty-first session, held on 10 and 11 May 2001, to the effect that ESCWA secretariat activities should focus on a limited number of priorities, in order to best serve regional integration,

*Convinced of* the need to revise the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, adopted in 1999, in keeping with this recommendation and the purposes and principles of the United Nations Millennium Declaration,

1. *Adopts* the revised medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 contained in E/ESCWA/S-4/L.3/Rev.1;

2. *Adopts* the revised programme of work and priorities for the biennium 2002-2003 contained in E/ESCWA/S-4/L.4/Rev.1;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to continue endeavours to increase the effectiveness of the activities undertaken by the ESCWA secretariat by taking all the programme, administrative and organizational measures necessary to that end.

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