

249 (XXII). STRENGTHENING CONSULTANCY SERVICES AND TECHNICAL  
COOPERATION ACTIVITIES IN THE ECONOMIC AND  
SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA

*The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,*

*Cognizant* of the important part played by the consultancy services and technical cooperation provided by the Commission to member countries in strengthening capacities in those countries,

*Cognizant also* of the fact that the secretariat's field activities complement its research and analysis activities and help to meet the development needs of member countries,

*Affirming* that consultancy services and technical cooperation activities are one of the main methods adopted by the Commission in order to assist member countries in meeting specific needs,

1. *Commends* the positive role played by the secretariat with respect to consultancy services and technical cooperation at national and regional levels;
2. *Calls upon* the secretariat to strengthen consultancy services and technical cooperation activities, given that they are of such benefit to member countries;
3. *Requests* the secretariat to expend greater efforts to effect coordination between its research and analysis activities and, on the one hand, its technical cooperation activities and, on the other, its consultancy services;
4. *Urges* member countries and local, regional and international donor bodies to increase their financial support for the Commission's consultancy services and technical cooperation activities.

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