

263 (XXIII). Promoting Partnership and Resource Mobilization

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

Conscious of its responsibility for achieving sustainable economic and social development in the region and promoting regional integration,

Conscious also of its role in monitoring and analysing the effects of political instability on socio-economic development in the region,

Recognizing that the ESCWA regular programme budget is limited and largely covers normative and analytical activities,

Reaffirming the importance of extrabudgetary resources in enabling the secretariat to expand its operational and capacity-building activities, and to address regional emerging issues in a timely and effective manner,

Recalling its resolutions 249 (XXII) and 253 (XXII) of 17 April 2003 on strengthening consultancy services and technical cooperation activities and the increase of donations to the Commission,

Commending the efforts of the secretariat to mobilize resources from all parties, including non-governmental organizations and the private sector, and in the preparation of a consolidated list of projects for resource mobilization,

Having considered the Commission's technical cooperation programme and the financial status of Commission programmes,

1. *Hopes* that member countries will provide all possible financial support to the ESCWA Trust Fund for Regional Activities, with a view to enabling the secretariat to increase its operational activities;
2. *Requests* donors at the national, regional and international levels to increase their financial support for ESCWA activities, including technical cooperation activities;
3. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to identify, establish and develop strategic partnerships and undertake collaborative initiatives with regional and international donors in the priority areas of work;
4. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to prepare a multi-year funding plan and submit it to the twenty-fourth-session of the Commission.

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