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Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia




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XXVI Draft Resolution: Establishing the ESCWA Technology Centre



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The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

- Referring to the 2005 World Summit Outcome^[1], Economic and Social Council resolution 2004/68 of 5
- November 2004 and the Millennium Declaration^[2], which identified the promotion of science and technology as a United Nations priority,
- Referring to the General Assembly Resolution 64/222 of 21 December 2009 adopting the Nairobi outcome document^[3] of the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation which emphasized the need to promote, including through South-South cooperation, access to and the transfer of technology,
- Referring to ESCWA resolution 284 (XXV) of 29 May 2008, which approves the establishment of the ESCWA Technology Centre for Development and requests the secretariat to finalize hosting arrangements and submit a report on the progress made in the implementation of the centre,
- Guided by the internal committee comparative evaluation report of the offers received from member countries to host the Centre upon the request of ESCWA, and final selection decision made and communicated to all member countries by the secretariat accepting the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan offer,
- Guided also by the Hosting Country Agreement concurred by the Government of Jordan, and the draft Statute of the Centre, and seeking to advance the launching of the Centre:

^[1]General Assembly resolution 60/1.
^[2]General Assembly resolution 55/2.
^[3]General Assembly Resolution 64/222.

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1. *Adopts* the prepared ESCWA Technology Centre Statute;
2. *Requests* the secretariat:
 - (a) To ratify the Hosting Country Agreement with the Government of Jordan;
 - (b) To establish the first founding board of governors with member countries through circular mailing;
 - (c) To establish the Centre administrative regulations consistent with the adopted Statute and United Nations regulations;
 - (d) To follow up with the Government of Jordan on matters related to the realization of the Centre and the implementation of the hosting agreement including: funding, hiring of staff, facilities and equipments, and launching the activities consistent with the declared objectives of the Centre;
3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report on the implementation of this resolution and the initial operating phase of the centre to the twenty-seventh session of the Commission.

Plenary meeting
17 May 2010