

321 (XXVIII). Redesignating the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia as the “Economic and Social Commission for Arab States”

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

Referring to Economic and Social Council resolution 1818 (LV) of 9 August 1973, in which the Council established the Economic Commission for Western Asia and set out its terms of reference,

Referring also to the Council resolution 1985/69 of 26 July 1985, in which the Council decided to change the name of the Economic Commission for Western Asia to the “Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia” and to amend its terms of reference to reflect the new name,

Recalling its resolution 302 (XXVII) of 10 May 2012, in which it requested the secretariat to coordinate with the relevant United Nations entities and the League of Arab States the redesignation of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia to become the “Economic and Social Commission for Arab States”,

Having considered the recommendations of the Technical Committee at its seventh¹ and eighth² meetings concerning the redesignation of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia as the Economic and Social Commission for Arab States,

Having taken note of the communications made by the secretariat with the League of Arab States and the United Nations office of Legal Affairs,

Bearing in mind the mandate of the Commission to address economic and social challenges in member States and its unique role in promoting regional integration among them,

1. *Recommends* the Economic and Social Council:

(a) To redesignate the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia as the “Economic and Social Commission for Arab States”;

(b) To amend the terms of reference of the Commission as set forth in its resolution 1985/69 of 26 July 1985, in line with the new designation;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to follow up on the implementation of this resolution and submit a report on the progress achieved in that regard to the Commission at its twenty-ninth session.

8th plenary meeting
18 September 2014

¹ ESCWA, *Report of the Technical Committee on its seventh meeting*, 18-19 March 2013, E/ESCWA/2012/C.7/8/Report, paras. 6 (a) and (b).

² ESCWA, *Report of the Technical Committee on its eighth meeting*, 10-12 December 2013, E/ESCWA/2013/C.8/10/Report, para. 6 (b).