

**344 (XXXI) Frequency of the sessions of the Committee on Social Development
of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia**

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

Aware of the gravity of the accelerating and multiple social challenges faced by the Arab region, including the exacerbation of social and economic inequality, the increase in unemployment, especially among young people, and the weakness of social protection systems,

Recognizing the importance of strengthening communication and coordination between member States to exchange experiences and best practices in dealing with these challenges,

Recalling its [resolution 198 \(XVII\)](#) on the establishment of a committee on social development within the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

Having reviewed the report of the fourteenth session of the Committee on Social Development ([E/ESCWA/C.2/2023/7/Report](#)), especially recommendation (j) made to the secretariat of the Commission to work towards holding annual meetings of the Committee on Social Development and take the necessary measures, in accordance with United Nations rules and procedures, to intensify regional efforts to address the accelerating and multiple social challenges faced by member States,

Decides that the Committee on Social Development shall hold its sessions annually rather than biennially, taking effect in 2025.

Third plenary meeting
18 December 2023