

38 (IV). A programme of action in favour of the least developed countries of the region

The Economic Commission for Western Asia,

Recalling its resolution 26 (III) in which it urged the Executive Secretary "to consult with the United Nations Office for Technical Co-operation and the United Nations Development Programme with a view to finding a method of obtaining adequate funds for a reasonable planning period so that the United Nations regional project for public finance and administration may continue its services during its second phase in order to meet the requests of Governments, recipients of the services of the project",

Taking into consideration the contents of document E/ECWA/48 concerning the follow-up action on resolution 26 (III),

Appreciating the services which the Commission's secretariat has provided and is continuing to provide by means of this regional project in the field of training and advisory services in public finance and administration in favour of the least developed countries of the region,

Recognizing the need of the recipient countries for the services of this project and their support for its continuation and expansion so that it can continue to provide its services during its second phase which should cover a reasonable planning period of not less than three years,

Conscious of the obligation in principle to avoid jeopardizing a project of proven value to the countries concerned, namely the Yemen Arab Republic, the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, and the Sultanate of Oman, which are all among the least developed of the developing countries receiving special consideration from international organizations,

1. Requests the Executive Secretary to convey to the United Nations Office for Technical Co-operation and to the United Nations Development Programme the desire of the Economic Commission for Western Asia that they reconsider their position on the financing of the project so as to ensure its continuity;

2. Urges the countries of the ECWA region that have the financial capability, and also the Arab Funds and the League of Arab States, to make appropriate contributions within the limits of the budgetary estimates submitted by the Executive Secretary;

3. Requests the Executive Secretary to pursue this matter and to submit a report thereon at the fifth regular session of the Commission.

8th meeting  
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