

39 (IV). Regional co-operation in the field of water resources development

The Economic Commission for Western Asia,

Recognizing the important role of water in the over-all socio-economic development in the region,

Realizing the imperative need for accelerated progress in the investigation and development of water resources and its integrated management for efficient use,

Aware of the urgent need for collaboration and co-ordination of activities in the field of water resources development and management for the benefit of all member countries,

Taking note with appreciation of the action proposals contained in the report on the Regional Preparatory Meeting for the United Nations Water Conference held in Baghdad, Iraq, with emphasis on regional co-operation and institutions,

Further taking note of the recommendations and resolutions of the United Nations Water Conference held in Mar del Plata, Argentina,

1. Takes note of the report of the Regional Preparatory Meeting of the United Nations Water Conference (E/ECWA/42/Rev.1);
2. Urges that all action proposals of this meeting be taken into consideration particularly on the national and regional levels, by all member States;
3. Requests the Executive Secretary of the Commission to take the initiative in contacting all member States in order to ascertain which of them may wish to establish a water resources council, and to convene its first meeting as soon as possible;
4. Calls upon the secretariat of the Commission to serve as the secretariat of the council and at the expense of the member countries of the Council, in the event of its establishment;
5. Further requests the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its fifth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

8th meeting  
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