

The Economic Commission for Western Asia,

Recalling resolution 24 (III), inviting the Executive Secretary of the Commission to extend all possible assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon,

Expressing its appreciation of the significance of the measures so far taken by the Executive Secretary in order to extend to Lebanon, under difficult circumstances, various types of assistance and advice of which the country is in the greatest of need,

Mindful of the necessity to continue and intensify assistance to Lebanon without adversely affecting the regular programmes of the Commission,

Recognizing the importance of, and urgent need of Lebanon for, a United Nations Inter-Disciplinary Advisory Team which can, inter alia, (a) prepare position papers for urgent policy decisions; (b) serve as the nucleus for the preparation of Lebanon's medium-term plan; and (c) pave the way for studies on the long-term development prospects of Lebanon and the broad options available to it for growth, under conditions of economic and social stability,

Welcoming the establishment by the Lebanese Government of the Reconstruction and Development Council, as an effective instrument for development, and the necessity for the Advisory Team to work closely with the Council in the interest of Lebanon,

Appreciating the decision of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to establish a Special Fund for Lebanon, designed to assist the Lebanese Government in its urgent relief problems,

1. Invites the Executive Secretary to initiate immediate consultations with the President of the Reconstruction and Development Council with a view to establishing a technical assistance development programme in accordance with the priority requirements of the Council, and to undertake the necessary consultations to this effect;

2. Further invites the Executive Secretary to co-ordinate his development activities with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations in Lebanon, with a view to avoiding duplication and achieving the maximum benefit to Lebanon from the funds disbursed.

9th meeting
28 April 1977