

41 (IV). Draft programme of work and priorities of the Economic Commission for Western Asia for the period 1978-1979

The Economic Commission for Western Asia,

Recognizing the importance of developing the organs and the activities of the secretariat of the Commission for the benefit of the over-all development of the countries of the region,

Having discussed the draft programme of work and priorities of the Economic Commission for Western Asia for the period 1978-1979 (E/ECWA/44 and Rev.1 and Add.1 and Add.1/Rev.1),

Affirming the necessity of formulating its projects in accordance with the financial and technical resources available to the Commission, whether from its regular budget or from additional resources,

1. Approves the contents of the above-mentioned work programme, subject to the following provisos:

(a) The formulation of projects in accordance with the financial and technical resources available to the Commission from its regular budget and from other additional resources that it is able to acquire;

(b) Full co-ordination and co-operation, in the preparation of studies, with Arab and regional organizations and bodies so as to avoid duplication and overlapping of efforts;

2. Affirms the need to adopt the following priorities in the implementation of projects:

(a) The completion of studies and projects that are as yet unfinished;

(b) Projects that are of concern to the least developed States of the region, especially the joint projects of two or more of these States;

(c) Projects that contribute to the development of talents and the training of technical cadres;

(d) Statistics related to the economic and social activities of the Arab States;

(e) Projects that contribute to the development of the process of economic integration in the Arab States;

(f) Studies for the formulation of regional investment projects;

3. Urges the United Nations Secretariat and the organizations of the United Nations system, including the specialized agencies, to increase their contributions to the development of the capabilities and organs of the Economic Commission for Western Asia and the implementation of its projects.