

The Economic Commission for Western Asia,

Recognizing the importance of co-operation and co-ordination in its activities with Arab and regional organizations and bodies and with the organs and specialized agencies of the United Nations in connexion with the activities of the latter in the region,

Taking note of the report entitled "The role of regional commissions in promoting co-operation among the developing countries" (E/ECNA/52), and of what was stated therein regarding Economic and Social Council resolution 2043 (LXI) on promotion by the regional commissions of regional and interregional co-operation,

Taking into consideration Economic and Social Council resolution 1818 (LV) entitled "Establishment of an economic commission for Western Asia" and the contents of the first paragraph thereof,

Noting with appreciation the initiative taken by the Executive Secretary in contracting Arab and regional bodies and organizations and the organs and specialized agencies of the United Nations, and the agreements which he reached and the steps which he took to promote co-operation and co-ordination between them and the Commission,

1. Requests the Executive Secretary to study the regulation of the Commission's relations with Arab and regional organizations, bodies and funds, including the identification of common objectives; the establishment of a strategy and plan of action; the proposal of practical formulae for effective co-operation and co-ordination between the Commission and Arab and regional organizations, bodies and funds within their common sphere of activity;

2. Further requests the Executive Secretary to study co-ordination and co-operation between the Commission and the organs and specialized agencies of the United Nations, especially with regard to their intersectoral, regional and subregional activities and the role of the Commission in this respect;

3. Calls upon the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the Governments of the region, to co-ordinate efforts to this end;

4. Urges the countries of the region to accord special importance to this issue and to advocate support therefor from Arab and regional organizations and bodies and also from the organs and specialized agencies of the United Nations;

5. Further calls upon the Executive Secretary to submit to the Commission at its fifth session a detailed report on the progress achieved in this respect.