

66 (v). Strengthening the ECWA programme in the area of increasing the participation of women in development

The Economic Commission for Western Asia,

Noting General Assembly resolution 3520 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, which called upon the regional commissions to give first priority to the development and implementation of effective strategies for achieving the objectives of the World

Plan of Action for increasing the participation of women in development at the regional level and at the national level, taking into account the respective circumstances and priorities of each country,

Recalling its unanimous resolution 17 (II) of 9 May 1975 requesting the Executive Secretary to intensify the secretariat's activities in this field,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1850 (LVI) of 16 May 1974 establishing the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women,

Taking note of the approval of the Consultative Committee of the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade for Women of the projects submitted by ECWA and the agreement to finance them and to finance other technical assistance projects for a period of two years,

Having examined the Regional Plan of Action for the Integration of Arab Women in Development in the ECWA region adopted by the regional conference which was held at Amman from 29 May to 4 June 1978 and which called for strengthening ECWA programmes on women so that the secretariat could confront the growing responsibilities of the 1976-1985 Decade for Women.

1. Adopts the recommendations of the Regional Plan of Action related to the responsibilities of ECWA in the field of women and development;
2. Urges the Executive Secretary to intensify efforts to implement these recommendations through the necessary programmes and activities;
3. Requests the Executive Secretary to submit a report to the Commission at its sixth session embodying proposals for obtaining additional funds for strengthening the Commission's programme in the area of the participation of women in development.

10th meeting
6 October 1978