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The Economic Commission for Western Asia,

Recognizing that past development efforts and programmes have largely failed to reach and benefit adequately the rural areas in the countries of the region,

Recognizing further the rural-urban imbalances in the region and the great gaps in living standards,

Convinced that, in the ECWA region, agrarian reform is a critical component of rural development and that the sustained improvement of rural areas, in the context of the promotion of national self-reliance and the building of the New International Economic Order, requires fuller and more equitable access to land, water and other natural resources,

Having considered the results of the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development, organized by FAO in co-operation with other organs and organizations of the United Nations system,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 34/14 of 19 November 1979, which endorsed the Declaration of Principles and the Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development,

Taking note of the report of the secretariat on the World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development (E/ECWA/105) and the Draft Programme of Action in Agrarian Reform and Rural Development for the ECWA region appended thereto,

1. Endorses the Programme of Action in Agrarian Reform and Rural Development for the ECWA region;
2. Calls upon the Executive Secretary to take the necessary steps for securing adequate resources to implement the Programme of Action for the ECWA region;
3. Urges member States to contribute effectively to assisting the Commission financially in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the ECWA region;
4. Requests the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its eighth session on the progress achieved in the implementation of the Programme of Action.

8th meeting
23 April 1980