

96(VIII). The strengthening of statistical work in the ECWA region

The Economic Commission for Western Asia,

Appreciating the efforts deployed for strengthening statistical work in the secretariat and commending the secretariat for the services it has rendered in this connexion,

Mindful that the refinement and enhancement of the statistical capabilities of the countries of the region would improve considerably the provision of the sound statistical data required for the implementation of development policies and executive measures in the countries of the region,

Recognizing that the secretariat could play an effective role through its Statistical Unit in assisting the development of national statistical organizations and the training of their staff and in contributing to the enhancement and standardization of statistical concepts and methods at the regional level,

Recognizing further that the needs of the member States for consultative and other statistical services provided by the secretariat are increasing continuously,

Notwithstanding the high value placed by the Commission on the efforts deployed by the Executive Secretary during the past years to expand the statistical activities of the secretariat and to enhance the effectiveness of the apparatus of the Statistical Unit,

Recommends that the Statistical Unit should be strengthened and its capabilities expanded, to enable it to meet the increasing needs of the member States for statistical data, staff training and advisory services.

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