

**Resolution 339 (S-VII) Establishment of a centre for advancing carbon emissions
reduction under the Commission**

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

Recalling General Assembly resolution [70/1](#) of 25 September 2015 on “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, which noted with grave concern the significant gap between the aggregate effect of parties’ mitigation pledges in terms of global annual emissions of greenhouse gases by 2020 and aggregate emission pathways consistent with having a likely chance of holding the increase in global average temperature below 2 degrees Celsius, or 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels,

Recalling also the [Paris Agreement](#), adopted on 12 December 2015, which aims to reach global peaking of greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible, in particular by formulating low-emissions development strategies, preparing and implementing national plans, and assisting developing countries in this regard and taking their needs into account,

Recognizing the need for collective action to achieve carbon neutrality and zero emissions, so as to ensure a sustainable future for people and the planet,

Bearing in mind the need for Arab countries to strengthen regional cooperation, knowledge and scientific data, and to disseminate measures and technologies to mitigate the effects of climate change complemented by adaptation measures,

Recalling the efforts of the secretariat of the Commission to build the capacity of member States in tackling the effects of climate change, supporting a just and inclusive transition in energy sources, identifying the main pillars of sustainable energy systems using the circular carbon economy framework, and strengthening the water-energy-food security nexus in the context of climate change and identifying ways to operationalize it,

Having reviewed the proposal for the establishment of a centre for advancing emissions reduction under the Commission, set out in document [E/ESCWA/S-7/14](#),

1. *Welcomes* the establishment of a centre for advancing carbon emissions reduction under the Commission, using resources from outside the United Nations regular budget, to support member States by undertaking the following:

- (a) Promoting regional efforts to reduce carbon emissions towards achieving climate neutrality;
- (b) Providing a regional platform that supports the positions of the Arab region in global dialogues on carbon emissions reduction;
- (c) Facilitating the implementation of the circular carbon economy approach;
- (d) Establishing new regional and international networks to support carbon emission mitigation efforts, and creating synergies with partners pursuing the same goals;
- (e) Developing a road map to reduce carbon emissions and devising innovative solutions to achieve this goal, in particular by accelerating the dissemination of measures and technologies that mitigate the effects of climate change.

2. *Also welcomes* the interest of Saudi Arabia in hosting the centre, in accordance with the standards, procedures and regulations followed by the United Nations;

3. *Recommends* completing the stages of establishing the centre as soon as possible;
4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to submit a report on progress in implementing the present resolution to the Commission at its thirty-first session.

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