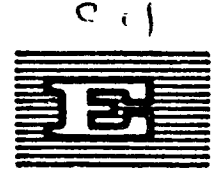
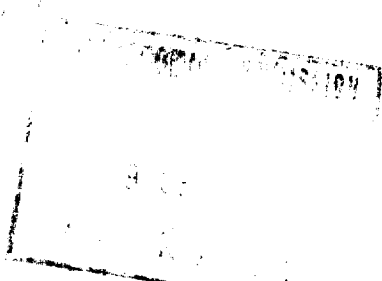




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(Note by the Executive Secretary)

After the adoption by the Economic Commission for Western Asia in the 7th meeting of its seventh session which was held in Baghdad from 19 to 22 April 1980 of the proposed amendments to the "Development Strategy for the Region of the Economic Commission for Western Asia in the Third United Nations Development Decade"<sup>1/</sup>, the Executive Secretary received two communications on the subject from the head of the delegation of the Arab Republic of Egypt, which are reproduced below:

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<sup>1/</sup> Paragraph 63 of ECWA's Report to the Economic and Social Council on its seventh session (E/ECWA/114).

Executive Secretary  
Economic Commission for Western Asia

Dear Sir,

Some of the delegations attending the seventh session of ECWA, when delivering their speeches, referred to the delegation of the Arab Republic of Egypt in terms other than the delegation's official name. My delegation wishes to affirm that if the purpose of those references was to honour us, we thank the speakers and return the honour. However, my delegation considers any term used in ECWA for the delegation of the Arab Republic of Egypt other than its official name to be an honour to which it does not aspire.

At first, my delegation preferred to give the matter due reflection before raising this point. However, it became apparent that the use of such terms had become the rule without there being any intervention by the chair. The delegation therefore fears that it will become common practice among the delegations to use terms to refer to country delegations which will make it difficult to know which country is being referred to.

The delegation of the Arab Republic of Egypt has not paid and will not pay heed to any remark which is not directed to it by its proper name and will consider anything said in other terms than these to be null and void and none of its concern.

My delegation kindly requests the Cabinet of the Executive Secretary to issue instructions to the secretariat to delete all references to the delegation of Egypt in terms other than its proper official name.

It would be appreciated if this communication be considered an official document of ECWA.

Please accept the expression of my sincerest regards.

Head of the delegation of the  
Arab Republic of Egypt

(signed)

Mohamed Said Lotfi

Executive Secretary  
Economic Commission for Western Asia

Dear Sir,

... I respectfully request that the attached statement on the recommendation of the Subcommittee on Development Strategy which was submitted to the seventh session of the Economic Commission for Western Asia<sup>\*</sup>, be placed on record, and that this statement be regarded as one of the official documents of the session.

With the assurance of our highest consideration.

Head of the delegation of  
the Arab Republic of Egypt  
(signed) Mohamed Said Lotfi

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\* Document E/ECWA/113.

The delegation of the Arab Republic of Egypt records its objection to the insinuation contained in the first paragraph of the report of the Subcommittee on Development Strategy, and its rejection of the inclusion of the content of that paragraph in the final report of the seventh session of the Economic Commission for Western Asia, since the said paragraph gives a distorted picture of the efforts of Egypt to achieve peace in the area, to regain the occupied territories and to realize Arab rights.

The above-mentioned paragraph claims that the peaceful efforts of Egypt to reach a just and honourable solution to the Middle East question impose an added burden on international development, whereas no one denies in fact all peace-loving forces assert .. that peace is the natural climate for economic development and the most effective way to achieve it.

It is no secret that the sacrifices made willingly by the Egyptian people for the Arab cause, which run into tens of thousands of Egyptian lives and thousands of millions of pounds, have constituted, by every standard, an obstacle to development in Egypt. Nevertheless, Egypt remains ready to give even more for the causes of the Arab world.