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**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ON  
THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION**

**FOLLOW-UP ACTION ON THE RESOLUTIONS  
OF THE COMMISSION**

- (vii) Commission resolution 147(XIII) on the  
United Nations Conference for the  
Promotion of International Co-operation  
in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy

In response to resolution 147(XIII) on the United Nations Conference for the Promotion of International Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy (UNCPICPUNE), the following activities have thus far been undertaken by the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA).

1. A mission was sent to attend the seventh session of the Preparatory Committee for UNCPICPUNE held at Vienna from 10 to 21 November 1986. The major task before the session was the preparation of Conference documentation. The ESCWA representative discussed with delegates from member States and other organizations ways and means for promoting regional and international co-operation in the field of peaceful uses of nuclear energy. These discussions centred on the role of the regional commissions in this area. Another purpose of this mission was to initiate contact with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and explore ways and means of co-operation.
2. An ESCWA representative participated in a workshop organized by the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) in Kuwait from 4 to 6 November 1986 on "Issues and answers in implementing nuclear programmes in the Arab world and developing countries". The ESCWA representative discussed with concerned officials from the region the possibilities of co-ordinating present and envisaged activities with the objective of concerting the efforts of member States in the utilization of appropriate nuclear technologies for electric power generation.
3. Establishment of a Joint ESCWA/IAEA Nuclear Energy Unit within ESCWA was discussed during a meeting with a visiting team from IAEA on 25 November 1986. The initial reaction of the IAEA team to the ESCWA proposal for the establishment of a joint nuclear unit was rather encouraging and it has been agreed that ESCWA/IAEA joint activities could be initiated with the conducting of a seminar on the utilization of isotopes for ground-water exploration. While negotiations are continuing, other forms of co-operation between ESCWA and IAEA have already been agreed upon.
4. Contacts have been made with officials and experts in the region on appropriate approaches for promoting co-operation in the field of peaceful uses of nuclear energy within the ESCWA region and with those other developing countries already well advanced in the field of nuclear energy.
5. A survey on "Current activities in the field of peaceful uses of atomic energy in the countries of the ESCWA region" has been prepared by the ESCWA secretariat and is available to the Commission at its fourteenth session. (See document E/ESCWA/NR/86/11).