

Social Office in Beirut do not enjoy membership in any regional economic commission,

Believing that such membership would be an important factor in accelerating their economic and social development,

Establishes an Economic Commission for Western Asia, to start its operations on 1 January 1974, with terms of reference as follows:

1. The Economic Commission for Western Asia, acting within the framework of the policies of the United Nations and subject to the general supervision of the Economic and Social Council, shall, provided that the Commission takes no action in respect of any country without the agreement of the Government of that country:
 - (a) Initiate and participate in measures for facilitating concerted action for the economic reconstruction and development of Western Asia, for raising the level of economic activity in Western Asia and for maintaining and strengthening the economic relations of the countries of that area both among themselves and with other countries of the world;
 - (b) Make or sponsor such investigations and studies of economic and technological problems and developments within the territories of Western Asia as the Commission deems appropriate;
 - (c) Undertake or sponsor the collection, evaluation and dissemination of such economic, technological and statistical information as the Commission deems appropriate;
 - (d) Perform such advisory services, within the available resources of its secretariat, as the countries of the region may desire, provided that such services do not overlap with those rendered by the specialized agencies or the United Nations Development Programme;
 - (e) Assist the Council, at its request, in discharging its functions within the region in connexion with any economic problems, including problems in the field of technical assistance;
 - (f) In carrying out the above functions, deal, as appropriate, with the social aspects of economic development and the inter-relationship of the economic and social factors.
2. The members of the Commission shall consist of the States Members of the United Nations situated in Western Asia which at present call on the services of the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut. Future applications for membership by Member States shall be decided on by the Council upon the recommendation of the Commission.
3. The Commission is empowered to make recommendations on any matters within its competence directly to the Governments of members concerned, Governments admitted in consultative capacity and the specialized agencies concerned. The Commission shall submit for the Council's prior consideration any of its proposals for activities that would have important effects on the economy of the world as a whole.
4. The Commission may invite any State Member of the United Nations not a member of the Commission to participate in a consultative capacity in its consideration of any matter of particular concern to that non-member.
5. The Commission may make arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations which have been granted consultative status by the Council, in accordance with the principles approved by the Council for this purpose and contained in its resolution 1296 (XLIV) of 23 May 1968.
6. The Commission may, after discussion with any specialized agency functioning in the same general field and with the approval of the Council, establish such subsidiary bodies as it deems appropriate for facilitating the carrying out of its responsibilities.

7. The Commission shall invite representatives of specialized agencies and may invite representatives of any intergovernmental organizations to participate in a consultative capacity in its consideration of any matter of particular concern to those agencies or organizations, following the practice of the Council.

8. The Commission shall take measures to ensure that the necessary liaison is maintained with other organs of the United Nations and with the specialized agencies. The Commission shall establish appropriate liaison and co-operation with other regional economic commissions in accordance with the directives contained in the resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly.

9. The Commission shall adopt its own rules of procedure, including the method of selecting its Chairman.

10. The administrative budget of the Commission shall be financed from the funds of the United Nations.

11. The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall appoint the staff of the Commission, which shall form part of the Secretariat of the United Nations.

12. The Commission shall submit to the Council a full report on its activities and plans, including those of any subsidiary bodies, once a year.

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1819 (LV). United Nations export promotion programmes

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that export promotion programmes constitute an important sector of United Nations activity, particularly in assisting developing countries in the light of the over-all goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade,

Recognizing that these programmes can only be implemented through effective co-ordination among the participating organizations and executing agencies,

Considering that a better utilization of the scarce resources available for assistance in the field of trade promotion can only be adequately achieved by avoiding duplication of work and unnecessary overlapping among those organizations and agencies,

Bearing in mind the fact that the definition of trade promotion as already provided by the objectives, programmes and functional structure of the UNCTAD/GATT International Trade Centre should constitute the basis for any United Nations action in this sector,

Recognizing that, in conformity with the analysis and conclusive suggestions put forward by the Secretary-General in his report on United Nations export promotion and development efforts,²⁶ the Centre is the focal point for technical assistance and co-operation activities in the export promotion field within the United Nations system of assistance to developing countries,

Noting also the serious efforts undertaken by the regional economic commissions to promote the export trade of developing countries in their respective regions,

²⁶ E/5254 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1.

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1. *Invites* the Trade and Development Board, taking into account the results of a study to be made by the Joint Advisory Group of the UNCTAD/GATT International Trade Centre, to consider all possible measures at both policy and operational levels that would permit the Centre to discharge fully its responsibilities as the focal point for all United Nations assistance in the field of trade promotion;

2. *Further invites* other sectoral and regional organizations within the United Nations system in the field of trade promotion, such as the regional economic commissions and the United Nations Economic and Social Office in Beirut, the International Labour Organisation, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to give their views on the recommendations of the Trade and Development Board;

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3. *Invites* the Trade and Development Board, through the Joint Advisory Group of the UNCTAD/GATT International Trade Centre, to give high priority to developing countries in the Board's programme of action, especially with respect to training programmes in export promotion, market research and marketing, export costing and pricing, export market development and product adaptation, export packaging, and quality control;

4. *Further invites* the Trade and Development Board, also through the Joint Advisory Group of the UNCTAD/GATT International Trade Centre, to intensify its programme of action in the field of integrated projects for the economic development of developing countries;

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5. *Requests* the Trade and Development Board to report its conclusions and recommendations and the progress made in this connexion to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-seventh session.

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1820 (LV). International environment co-operation

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its first session;²⁷

2. *Endorses* the conclusions of the Governing Council contained in that report and commends them to the General Assembly;

3. *Considers* that the Governing Council should as far as possible proceed quickly with the detailed consid-

²⁷ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/9025)*; transmitted to the Economic and Social Council under the symbol E/5373.

eration of programme activities within the broad priority areas identified at its first session, as contained in its decision 1 (I);²⁸

4. *Recommends* to the General Assembly that it request the Governing Council at its second session, at which detailed work programmes including proposals from the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme for activities to be supported by the Environment Fund will be considered, to organize its work in such a way that substantive discussions on these programme activities and their funding can be held;

5. *Expresses once again its gratitude* to the Government of Kenya, and its appreciation of the detailed preparations designed to ensure all necessary arrangements for the success of the second session of the Governing Council and the effective functioning of the secretariat of the United Nations Environment Programme.

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1827 (LV). Second United Nations Development Decade: review and appraisal of progress in implementing the International Development Strategy

The Economic and Social Council,

Having undertaken a first over-all review and appraisal of the progress in implementing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, based on the report of the Committee on Review and Appraisal on its second session²⁹ and the working paper contained in section C of chapter II thereof, as well as other United Nations reports on review and appraisal, including the report of the Secretary-General entitled *First over-all review and appraisal of issues and policies*,³⁰ volumes I and II of the publication entitled *Implementation of the International Development Strategy: papers for the first over-all review and appraisal of progress during the Second United Nations Development Decade*,³¹ the publication entitled *Trade and Development policies in the 1970s: report by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD for the first review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Development Strategy*³² and the complementary reports by the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,³³ the report of the Trade and Development

²⁸ *Ibid.*, annex I.

²⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 11 (E/5316)*.

³⁰ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.73.II.A.6, and document E/5268/Corr.1.

³¹ United Nations publications, Sales Nos. E.73.II.A.2 and E.73.II.A.3.

³² United Nations publication, Sales No. 73.II.D.14.

³³ "Review of the implementation of policy measures envisaged in the International Development Strategy" (TD/B/429/Add.1 and Add.1/Annex and Add.1/Annex/Corr.1) and "The recent economic experience of developing countries in relation to the goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy" (TD/B/429/Add.2) (to be issued as a United Nations publication).