

Desirous of ensuring representation at the ministerial level at the annual sessions of the Commission,

1. *Takes note* of the decision of the Economic Commission for Western Asia that rule 1 (a) of the Commission's provisional rules of procedure⁸⁸ should be amended to read: "Normally annually, beginning on the Saturday of the third week of April";⁸⁹

2. *Decides* to designate the Standing Committee for the Programme of the Economic Commission for Western Asia as the Technical Committee and to add to its terms of reference, set out in paragraph 5 of Commission resolution 114 (IX) of 12 May 1982,⁹⁰ the consideration of the items of the provisional agenda for the annual session of the Commission, in preparation for the Commission's meeting at the ministerial level;

3. *Decides also* that the Technical Committee should meet for a four-day period immediately prior to a two-day meeting of the Economic Commission for Western Asia at the ministerial level.

*50th plenary meeting
27 July 1984*

1984/81. Staff and administrative questions of the Economic Commission for Western Asia

The Economic and Social Council,

Deeply concerned about the high vacancy rate which has prevailed in the Economic Commission for Western Asia for a number of years,

Convinced that the high vacancy rate has had a serious impact on the work programme of the Commission,

Recognizing that repeated efforts have been made by the secretariat of the Commission to find qualified staff from unrepresented or under-represented States in the region covered by the Commission but that difficulties still persist in the recruitment of such staff,

Recognizing also the importance of knowledge of the Arabic language by the staff of the Commission for the effective performance of their work,

1. *Urges* unrepresented and under-represented States to endeavour to encourage competent personnel to work in the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Western Asia as staff members on a regular or fixed-term basis;

2. *Proposes* to the General Assembly that it should authorize the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures to enable the Economic Commission for Western Asia to recruit staff from any State member of the Commission to meet the Commission's personnel requirements;

⁸⁸ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 10 (E/5539)*, annex IV.

⁸⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Supplement No. 15 (E/1984/25 and Corr 1)*, chap. I, resolution 125 (XI).

⁹⁰ *Ibid.*, 1982, *Supplement No. 12 (E/1982/22)* chap. I.

3. *Also proposes* to the General Assembly that all members of the Economic Commission for Western Asia should be treated in a manner consistent with their full membership in the Commission with regard to employment in the secretariat of the Commission.

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1984/82. Fortieth anniversary of the United Nations in 1985

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly decision 38/455 of 20 December 1983 on the commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations in 1985,

Considering that the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system should contribute effectively to the observance of the anniversary,

1. *Decides* that, at the second regular session of 1985 of the Economic and Social Council, in the context of the general debate, special attention should be devoted to an assessment of the role of the United Nations in promoting international economic and social co-operation and to the consideration of ways of strengthening the role of the Organization and of further enhancing its effectiveness in this regard, and calls upon the Secretary-General to ensure that appropriate preparations are made for these discussions;

2. *Recommends* that the regional commissions and other subsidiary bodies of the Council and the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system should take full cognizance of the fortieth anniversary of the United Nations and participate actively in its observance;

3. *Invites* the competent intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council to develop appropriate activities in support of the anniversary.

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1984/83. Report of the Committee for Development Planning on its twentieth session

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the report of the Committee for Development Planning on its twentieth session⁹¹ and taking note of the statement made by the Committee at the conclusion of its work,⁹²

Taking note also of the statement made before the Council on 5 July 1984 by the Chairman of the Committee for Development Planning,⁹³

⁹¹ *Ibid.*, 1984, *Supplement No. 7 (E/1984/17)*.

⁹² *Ibid.*, p. v.

⁹³ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1984, Plenary Meetings*, vol. II, 24th meeting, paras. 54-77 (E/1984/SR.24)