

**1997/15. Celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia in 1999 and the role of the Commission in the coming century**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1818 (LV) of 9 August 1973, by which it established the Economic Commission for Western Asia for the purpose of consolidating development efforts in the region and promoting economic cooperation among the countries of the region,<sup>54</sup>

*Commending* the Commission for the activities it has undertaken since its establishment in the various fields of economic and social development, thus supporting the development efforts of the States members of the Commission and promoting cooperation among them,

1. *Decides* that the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia shall be celebrated during its twentieth session, to be held in 1999;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia to take all measures that he deems necessary in this regard, including the preparation of the necessary studies for the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Commission;

3. *Invites* the Governments of the States members of the Commission to take this opportunity to formulate a new vision and define the role and tasks of the Commission in line with regional and world developments in the coming century;

4. *Also invites* the Governments of the member States to participate in this celebration at the highest level;

5. *Invites* the Secretary-General to take part in this event.

*34th plenary meeting  
18 July 1997*

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<sup>54</sup> By its resolution 1985/69 of 26 July 1985, the Council, on the recommendation of the Commission, decided to change the name of the Commission to "Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia".