

**205 (XVIII). ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMITTEE ON WATER RESOURCES IN THE  
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA**

*The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,*

*Conscious* of the importance of water security in view of the scarcity of water resources in the ESCWA member States,

*Conscious also* of the importance of developing water resources and rationalizing their use in the member States,

*Taking into account* the need to monitor scientific and technological developments in the use of both traditional and non-traditional water sources,

*Aware of* the importance of the participation of the competent authorities of the ESCWA member States in the planning, development and monitoring of the secretariat's programmes in the field of water resources,

1. *Decides* to establish a committee on water resources, made up of representatives of the member States who are specialized in the field of water resources, to undertake the following tasks:

(a) Participation in the establishment and formulation of priorities for programmes of work and medium-term plans in the field of water resources;

(b) Monitoring of developments in the field of water resources in the ESCWA member States;

(c) Monitoring of the progress achieved in the activities of the ESCWA secretariat in the field of water resources;

(d) Follow-up of international and regional conferences, participation of member States in them and coordination of member States' efforts in connection with the implementation of resolutions and recommendations;

2. *Decides also* that, starting in 1996, the committee on water resources shall hold its meetings every two years;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to follow up the implementation of the present resolution and report thereon to the Commission at its eighteenth session.

3rd plenary meeting  
25 May 1995