

**275 (XXIV). Technical cooperation, partnership development
and resource mobilization**

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

Conscious of the responsibility of the secretariat to promote economic and social development and assist its member countries in achieving increased regional cooperation and integration,

Convinced of the role of ESCWA in strengthening the technical capacities of its member countries in support of achieving the Millennium Development Goals and in implementing the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and international agreements since 1992,

Recalling its resolution 258 (XXIII) of 12 May 2005 on strengthening technical cooperation in ESCWA, and the importance of technical cooperation, namely, general policy advice and capacity-building activities, in meeting the economic and social development needs of member countries,

Recalling also its resolution 263 (XXIII) of 12 May 2005 on promoting partnership and resource mobilization in order to achieve sustainable economic and social development in the region and promote regional integration,

Cognizant that the ESCWA regular programme budget is not sufficient to meet the demand for capacity-building activities and is dedicated primarily to analytical and normative work,

Affirming that a reliable inflow of extrabudgetary resources would enable the secretariat to sustain and develop its operational activities,

Commending the efforts of the secretariat on the progress achieved in the implementation of the ESCWA Technical Cooperation Strategy and in the preparation of the proposed multi-year funding plan,

1. *Requests* the secretariat to continue implementing the ESCWA Technical Cooperation Strategy and to take appropriate measures to launch the technical cooperation information and knowledge-sharing network;

2. *Invites* member countries and the donor community to take active part in the work of the secretariat to promote further partnerships and resource mobilization, in order to implement the ESCWA Technical Cooperation Strategy and, in particular, to operationalize the findings of the normative and analytical work;

3. *Approves* the multi-year funding plan and requests member countries and donors, within and outside the United Nations system, to contribute through all three modalities, namely, voluntary annual contributions to the ESCWA Trust Fund for Regional Activities; project/activity agreements between ESCWA and donors; or agreements for in-kind cooperation and support;

4. *Requests* the secretariat to prepare a specific plan of action for partnership development and resource mobilization;

5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the twenty-fifth session of the Commission on the implementation of the present resolution.

7th plenary meeting
11 May 2006