The Economic Commission for Western Asia,

Recalling the resolutions on the World Assembly on Aging (1982), especially General Assembly resolutions 34/153, 35/125, 36/20 and 35/30,

Conscious of the rapid increase in the older age groups of the population, both in the world and in the ECWA region,

Noting that early action may reduce the size of the problems to be faced in years to come,

Having considered the document entitled "Regional Contribution to the World Assembly on Aging" (E/ECWA/155),

Noting with concern the lack of adequate planning for elderly persons in the countries of the region and the low priority given to programmes for these persons,

Mindful of the important role that elderly persons have always played in the family and in the social life of the countries of the region,

1. **Adopts** the document entitled "Regional Contribution to the World Assembly on Aging";

2. **Requests** the Executive Secretary to transmit this document to the Secretary General of the World Assembly on Aging as the contribution of the Western Asia region to the World Plan of Action on Aging;

3. **Further requests** the Executive Secretary to continue the secretariat's work on aging, with a view to improving the well-being of elderly persons;

4. **Urges** the members of the Commission to participate fully in the deliberations of the World Assembly on Aging and in the formulation of the World Plan of Action on Aging and to implement this Plan in every way possible.

**8th meeting**

**12 May 1982**