153(XIII) Amendment of the provisional rules of procedure of the
Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

Recalling paragraphs 2 and 3 of its resolution 125(XI) on the general
policy-making structure of the Commission,

Noting the Commission's experience since the adoption of that resolution
and the difficulties that have ensued from its application,

Desiring of providing more time for its members and for the secretariat
of the Commission to prepare for meetings at the ministerial level, thereby
ensuring optimum performance,

1. Requests the secretariat to carry out a study on the possibility of
amending rule 1(a) of the Commission's provisional rules of procedure so that
the session shall normally be held every two years, provided that the said
study shall include details of the consequences of such an amendment for the
activities and work of the Commission;

2. Decides to amend rule 1(a) to state that the Commission shall hold its
sessions in April of each year, on a date to be agreed upon in advance by the
members of the Commission;

3. Further decides to consider the rules of procedure of the Economic and
Social Commission for Western Asia, as amended in accordance with the present
resolution, as its permanent rules of procedure.

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