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