258 (XXIII). Strengthening Technical Cooperation in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

Recalling its resolution 249 (XXII) of 17 April 2003 concerning strengthening consultancy services and technical cooperation activities in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

Acknowledging the role played by consultancy services and regional technical cooperation services in the economic and social development of the region,

Affirming the importance of field activities to meet the development needs of member countries,

Having considered the Executive Secretary’s report on technical cooperation activities,

Appreciating the important contributions made by the secretariat in supporting national capacity building in the region,

Acknowledging the efforts exerted by the secretariat in order to improve the delivery of and reporting on its technical cooperation services and their effectiveness by drawing up a strategy aimed at identifying areas where ESCWA could excel and deliver more effective results,

1. Appreciates the role played by the secretariat in increasing technical cooperation activities to meet the demands of member countries in priority areas of the region;

2. Approves the ESCWA Technical Cooperation Strategy that has been formulated for the purpose;

3. Requests the Executive Secretary to take all necessary measures to implement the ESCWA Technical Cooperation Strategy;

4. Also requests the Executive Secretary to establish a technical cooperation information and knowledge-sharing network with member countries, with a view to strengthening and coordinating technical cooperation activities;

5. Further requests the Executive Secretary to submit a report to the Commission at its twenty-fourth session on the progress achieved in the implementation of the ESCWA Technical Cooperation Strategy and to inform it of any amendments made thereto.

5th plenary meeting
12 May 2005