The Economic Commission for Western Asia,

Conscious of the growing need to intensify efforts in order to accelerate the development of the member States of the Commission,

Drawing attention to the fact that serious measures are being taken by these States to allocate an increasing portion of their financial resources for development purposes,

Noting that, in order to achieve these objectives, member States may need to develop further their technical and institutional capabilities in the field of pre-investment studies and project evaluation and appraisal;

Requests the Executive Secretary:

1. To intensify the secretariat's activities in the field of project identification, evaluation and appraisal;

2. To develop, in consultation with member States and regional and international institutions, appropriate training programmes and increase advisory services to member countries, with a view to building up the expertise and institutions required in this field.

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