263 (XXIII). Promoting Partnership and Resource Mobilization

*The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,*

*Conscious* of its responsibility for achieving sustainable economic and social development in the region and promoting regional integration,

*Conscious also* of its role in monitoring and analysing the effects of political instability on socio-economic development in the region,

*Recognizing* that the ESCWA regular programme budget is limited and largely covers normative and analytical activities,

*Reaffirming* the importance of extrabudgetary resources in enabling the secretariat to expand its operational and capacity-building activities, and to address regional emerging issues in a timely and effective manner,

*Recalling* its resolutions 249 (XXII) and 253 (XXII) of 17 April 2003 on strengthening consultancy services and technical cooperation activities and the increase of donations to the Commission,

*Commending* the efforts of the secretariat to mobilize resources from all parties, including non-governmental organizations and the private sector, and in the preparation of a consolidated list of projects for resource mobilization,

*Having considered* the Commission's technical cooperation programme and the financial status of Commission programmes,

1. *Hopes* that member countries will provide all possible financial support to the ESCWA Trust Fund for Regional Activities, with a view to enabling the secretariat to increase its operational activities;

2. *Requests* donors at the national, regional and international levels to increase their financial support for ESCWA activities, including technical cooperation activities;

3. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to identify, establish and develop strategic partnerships and undertake collaborative initiatives with regional and international donors in the priority areas of work;

4. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to prepare a multi-year funding plan and submit it to the twenty-fourth-session of the Commission.

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