

298 (XXVI). Social development

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

Recognizing the significance of social development and human well-being for all, as stressed in the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development,¹

Referring to the social development-related aspects of the 2005 World Summit Outcome,² the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the United Nations Millennium Declaration,³

Taking into consideration ESCWA resolution 285 (XXV) of 29 May 2008 concerning integrated social policy, which requests the secretariat to work with member countries towards the adoption of the integrated social policy approach; enhance participatory dialogue on social policy; and implement the internationally agreed plans of action and recommendations, including MDGs and priority areas of the World Programme of Action for Youth (WPAY),⁴

Noting that social policies in the region are ultimately designed to promote an equitable and inclusive process of social development, taking into consideration regional specificity; and that social development is based upon broad qualitative changes that allow member countries to achieve their national development goals,

Taking into consideration that Subprogramme 2 of the proposed Strategic Framework for the biennium 2012-2013 addresses not only integrated social policy, but also the various socio-demographic groups and partnerships between government and civil society to implement social development policies, programmes and projects,

Noting that the similar subprogrammes of other United Nations regional commissions are entitled “Social Development”,

1. *Endorses* the change in the title of Subprogramme 2 from “Integrated Social Policies” to “Social Development”;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to submit to the Commission at its twenty-seventh session a report on the implementation of this resolution.

7th plenary meeting
19 May 2010

¹ General Assembly, Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995, chap. I, resolution 1, annex 1 (A/CONF.166/9).

² General Assembly resolution 60/1 of 16 September 2005.

³ General Assembly resolution 55/2 of 13 September 2000.

⁴ General Assembly resolutions 50/81 of 14 December 1995 and 62/126 of 18 December 2007.