29 (III). Progress report and follow-up action on the resolutions of the second session

The Economic Commission for Western Asia,

Having studied documents E(ECWA)/30 and E(ECWA)/32 and the addenda thereto and having heard the discussion on them,

Decides:

1. That it is necessary to achieve clear modes and forms of co-ordination between the activities and work of the Commission and the work of other bodies, particularly Arab ones, and to avoid duplication of work and functions;

2. That it is necessary to concentrate and intensify the Commission's efforts and available capacities for the completion of clearly specified tasks, within a set order of priorities, and to avoid dispersal of these capacities and efforts over a wide range of different tasks which exceed the available and the anticipated capacities of the Commission;

3. That the implementation of the work programme should rely on the utilization of the capacities and expertise available in member States and the use of foreign expertise in cases of extreme necessity;

4. That it is necessary to bear in mind goals of such forms of integration as Arab economic integration and to study new industrial projects in the region, after taking into consideration the existing industries and endeavouring to raise their productive capacity and regulate the quality of their products;

5. That it is necessary to avoid the conduct of surveys and studies which tend towards the reidentification of problems already identified and to be seriously oriented towards practical surveys and studies of the new problems faced by member States, while ensuring the submission of practical and clearly defined solutions to those problems.

7th meeting
14 May 1976