The Economic Commission for Western Asia,

Recalling its resolution 10 (II) on relations between the Economic Commission for Western Asia and the United Nations Development Programme, which urges the States members of the Commission to increase their proportional representation in the Governing Council of the Programme,

Expressing satisfaction at the increasing effective co-ordination and co-operation between the Economic Commission for Western Asia and the United Nations Development Programme and the importance of its programmes and projects in the region,

Noting with deep concern the dimensions of the current financial crisis which the United Nations Development Programme is facing and the great reduction in the implementation of the Programme at the country, regional and international levels as a result of this crisis,

Recognizing that the Programme's financial crisis has affected projects of great economic importance undertaken jointly by the Governments of States members of the Commission and the Programme and being executed by United Nations specialized agencies and that the unresolved continuation of the crisis will affect development projects of strategic importance to States members of the Commission,

Commending the appeal made by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme in January 1976 to Governments to endeavour to increase their voluntary contributions to the Programme in 1976 in order to enable the Programme to finance existing projects,

Urges the Governments of member States to exert every effort to contribute to the alleviation of the financial predicament which the United Nations Development Programme is facing so as to enable it to continue implementing the projects adopted by it to assist the developing countries and in particular the least developed countries and peoples in the region.

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