41 (IV). Draft programme of work and priorities of the Economic
Commission for Western Asia for the period 1978-1979

The Economic Commission for Western Asia,

Recognizing the importance of developing the organs and the activities of the
secretariat of the Commission for the benefit of the over-all development of the
countries of the region,

Having discussed the draft programme of work and priorities of the Economic
Commission for Western Asia for the period 1978-1979 (E/ECWA/44 and Rev.1 and Add.1
and Add.1/Rev.1),

Affirming the necessity of formulating its projects in accordance with the
financial and technical resources available to the Commission, whether from its
regular budget or from additional resources,

1. Approves the contents of the above-mentioned work programme, subject to
the following provisos:

(a) The formulation of projects in accordance with the financial and technical
resources available to the Commission from its regular budget and from other
additional resources that it is able to acquire;

(b) Full co-ordination and co-operation, in the preparation of studies,
with Arab and regional organizations and bodies so as to avoid duplication and
overlapping of efforts;

2. Affirms the need to adopt the following priorities in the implementation
of projects:

(a) The completion of studies and projects that are as yet unfinished;

(b) Projects that are of concern to the least developed States of the region,
especially the joint projects of two or more of these States;

(c) Projects that contribute to the development of talents and the training
of technical cadres;

(d) Statistics related to the economic and social activities of the Arab
States;

(e) Projects that contribute to the development of the process of economic
integration in the Arab States;

(f) Studies for the formulation of regional investment projects;

3. Urges the United Nations Secretariat and the organizations of the United
Nations system, including the specialized agencies, to increase their contributions
to the development of the capabilities and organs of the Economic Commission for
Western Asia and the implementation of its projects.

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28 April 1977