

44 (IV). Use of the Arabic language in the Economic Commission for Western Asia

The Economic Commission for Western Asia,

Recalling its resolution 20 (II), on languages and documentation,

Noting that the Arabic language is one of the working languages of the General Assembly of the United Nations and of a number of its specialized agencies,

Recognizing the importance of facilitating the Commission's contacts with Arab and regional organizations and bodies in the region and also with Arab States members or non-members of the Commission,

Taking into consideration the importance of using the Arabic language along with the other working languages of the United Nations,

Noting with satisfaction the preparation by the secretariat of an Arabic translation of all the documents,

1. Decides that all documents to be submitted to the Commission should, as far as possible, be drafted in Arabic;

2. Further decides that, when making appointments to posts in the Commission, given equal qualifications, preference should be given to those candidates with a good command of the Arabic language in addition to one of the other working languages of the United Nations, except in the case of experts, consultants and staff seconded to the Commission by the United Nations and its various organs.

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