

59 (v). The brain drain from the ECWA region

The Economic Commission for Western Asia,

Recalling its resolution approving the 1974-1975 work programme in which a study was to be undertaken on the brain drain,

Noting with appreciation the proposals on the brain drain put forward by His Royal Highness, Prince Hassan, in his address at the 1977 meeting of the International Labour Organisation,

Taking note of General Assembly resolution 32/192 of 19 December 1977, entitled "Reverse transfer of technology" and the report of the Group of governmental experts on reverse transfer of technology,

Noting the study prepared on "The brain drain problem in the ECWA countries" (document E/ECWA/57/Add.2 of 25 August 1978), and this study's elucidation of the serious adverse consequences of the brain drain out of the region and of the relevant policies being pursued in each country of Western Asia in this respect,

Requests the Executive Secretary to arrange for the above study to be completed with a view to (i) up-dating the data; (ii) working out estimates of the regional supply and demand for highly qualified personnel during the next decade; (iii) adding new information on the Palestinian brain drain out of the region; and (iv) submitting recommendations to curb this outflow and create an appropriate climate for the reversal of the brain drain.

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