

61 (V). The Arab Regional Centre for the Transfer and Development of Technology

The Economic Commission for Western Asia,

Recalling resolution 87 (IV) of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on strengthening the technological capacity of developing countries and resolution 2034 (LXI) of the Economic and Social Council bearing the same title,

Recalling ECWA resolution 51 (IV) entitled "Study of the possibility of establishing a Western Asia centre for the transfer and development of technology",

Recalling the agreement concluded between the ECWA secretariat and the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States concerning the Arab Regional Centre for the Transfer and Development of Technology (sects. 2.4.1, 2.4.2 and 2.4.3 of E/ECWA/67),

Recognizing the urgent need of the Arab countries for the establishment of an Arab regional centre for the transfer and development of technology,

Taking note of the report of the Executive Secretary on this subject (E/ECWA/66), the first revised feasibility study on the Arab Regional Centre for the Transfer and Development of Technology (E/ECWA/67) and the report on ECWA's Joint Meeting of representatives of Arab Governments and Arab regional organizations on the same subject,

Taking into consideration the resolution adopted by ECWA's Joint Meeting of representatives of Arab Governments and regional organizations on the Arab Regional Centre for the Transfer and Development of Technology, held at Amman from 16 to 18 September 1978 (appendix I of E/ECWA/68) and the report on the recommendations of the Arab meeting to discuss possibilities for Euro-Arab co-operation in establishing a Centre for the Transfer of Technology held at Cairo from 20 to 21 September 1978 (appendix II of E/ECWA/66),

1. Notes with appreciation and satisfaction the implementation of the tasks described in operative paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of ECWA resolution 51 (V);

2. Decides in principle to establish the Arab Regional Centre for the Transfer and Development of Technology;

3. Requests the Executive Secretary to prepare a second revised version of the feasibility study taking into consideration the comments made on it at the fifth session of ECWA;

4. Requests the Executive Secretary to contact the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States for the purpose of submitting the second revised version of the feasibility study to the Economic and Social Council of the League of Arab States for discussion and adoption;

Requests the Executive Secretary, following the approval of the feasibility study by the Economic and Social Council of the League of Arab States, and in co-operation with the secretariat of the League of Arab States, to invite the Arab Governments, regional Arab organizations and the Economic Commission for Western Asia to a meeting for the purpose of taking the necessary measures to set up the Arab Regional Centre for the Transfer and Development of Technology.

10th meeting
6 October 1978