

69 (VI). Implementation of General Assembly resolution 32/197 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system ^{4/}

The Economic Commission for Western Asia,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977 and 33/202 of 29 January 1979 on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system and in particular section IV of the annex to resolution 32/197 relating to structures for regional and interregional co-operation.

Further recalling Commission resolution 63 (V) on the establishment of subsidiary bodies,

Affirming the important role played by the Commission within the United Nations system in facilitating, promoting and expediting the process of development and socio-economic co-operation among the developing countries in the region,

Noting that, in its resolution 32/197, the General Assembly confirmed the need to enable the regional commissions to play their role, inter alia, as the main economic and social development centres within the United Nations system for their respective regions,

Emphasizing the need to strengthen the Commission, particularly through the expeditious implementation of the provisions of General Assembly resolution 32/197 and of Economic and Social Council resolution 1978/74 of 4 August 1978 on regional co-operation and development, with a view to the effective and efficient achievement of the objectives specified in those resolutions,

Considering the slow progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 32/197 and, in particular, of section IV of its annex,

Noting the proposals and measures contained in particular in paragraph 93 of the Secretary-General's report to the General Assembly on the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system (A/33/410 and Rev.1),

1. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to expedite the implementation of General Assembly resolution 32/197, particularly as far as it relates to the regional commissions, and to make available adequate budgetary and financial resources, especially through redeployment, in order to strengthen the capability of the Commission;

^{4/} For the discussion leading to the adoption of this resolution, see paras. 63 and 64 above.

2. Requests the Executive Secretary to:

(a) Identify the tasks which could be assumed by the Commission as a result of the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system and to indicate the financial and manpower implications of those tasks;

(b) Intensify his efforts, in consultation with Arab and international organizations, regional bodies and member States, for the preparation of a detailed study on the modalities and possibilities for the establishment of subsidiary bodies of the Commission, as called for in Commission resolution 63 (V);

(c) Continue his efforts to obtain the required resources for the secretariat and to make the necessary arrangements to strengthen its capability to meet the new challenges posed by the implementation of General Assembly resolution 32/197;

(d) Streamline the existing administrative structure of the secretariat so as to reduce the extent of the additional resources required as a result of added responsibilities arising out of decentralization;

(e) Submit a report to the Commission at its seventh session on the progress made and measures to be adopted.

5th meeting
1 May 1979