The Economic Commission for Western Asia,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 33/148 of 20 December 1978 and 34/190 of 18 December 1979 on the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Sources of Energy,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 35/204 of 16 December 1980, which in paragraph 2 "urges all member States to promote heightened awareness of the importance of the Conference and to intensify its preparation at the national, subregional and regional levels in order to ensure its success", and in paragraph 5 "urges all concerned organs, organization and bodies of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions, to strengthen their participation and to continue to extend their fullest contribution to the preparatory process for the Conference, as well as cooperation and support to the Secretary-General of the Conference in this process";

Recognizing the importance of harnessing new and renewable sources of energy for the development of member States,

Noting with appreciation the success of the Regional Preparatory Expert Group Meeting for the Conference, organized by the secretariat of the Commission at Beirut from 12 to 16 January 1981,

Bearing in mind the ECWA regional report to the Conference, 1/

1. Takes note of the recommendations of the Regional Preparatory Expert Group Meeting contained in the ECWA regional report to the Conference;

2. Urges all member States to be represented at the highest possible technical level at the Conference;

3. Further urges member States to ensure that the recommendations of the Regional Meeting are fully reflected in any programme of action stemming from the Conference;

4. Requests the Executive Secretary to ensure that appropriate additional resources are allocated to the secretariat of the Commission for the proper implementation at the regional level of any programme of action stemming from the Conference, as well as for any other functions in the field of new and renewable sources of energy which may be entrusted to it in the aftermath of the Conference.

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