

**333 (XXX) Adoption of the proposed amendments to the strategic framework  
and programme of work for the biennium 2018-2019**

*The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,*

*Recalling* its resolution [322 \(EC.2\)](#) of 16 December 2015 on the adoption of the strategy and plan of action on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,<sup>1</sup>

*Recalling also* the recommendation made by the ESCWA Executive Committee at its third meeting,<sup>2</sup> held in Rabat on 6 and 7 May 2017, on ensuring that ESCWA programmes and activities in the region cover youth issues and empowerment,

*Recalling further* the results achieved in the implementation of the programme of work for the biennium 2016-2017,<sup>3</sup>

*Convinced by* the justifications presented by the secretariat in support of the amendments to the strategic framework and programme of work for the biennium 2018-2019,<sup>4</sup> including giving the secretariat sufficient flexibility to respond to the requests of member States to integrate the 2030 Agenda fully into its programme of work and increase focus on youth,

1. *Welcomes* the efforts of the secretariat to align its activities with the 2030 Agenda in response to emerging regional needs and challenges;
2. *Adopts* the proposed amendments to the strategic framework and programme of work for the biennium 2018-2019, taking comments made by member States into account;
3. *Requests* the secretariat to follow up on the implementation of the programme of work and include therein the activities required to address challenges that may emerge in the Arab region.

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<sup>1</sup> General Assembly resolution [70/1](#) of 25 September 2015.

<sup>2</sup> [E/ESCWA/2017/EC.3/8/Report](#).

<sup>3</sup> [E/ESCWA/30/13](#).

<sup>4</sup> See [E/ESCWA/30/16](#).