

1993/3. Permanent headquarters of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

August 1991 and for providing it with all the necessary facilities.

*2nd plenary meeting
2 February 1993*

The Economic and Social Council,

Referring to the request submitted by the Government of Lebanon regarding the transfer and hosting of the permanent headquarters of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia in Beirut,

Referring also to the memorandum of the Government of Iraq, containing a request that the staff of the Commission return to Baghdad by 31 December 1992, failing which the Government would take back the present buildings, but would be prepared to provide other buildings for the same purpose,

Referring further to the request submitted by the Government of Jordan regarding the transfer and hosting of the permanent headquarters of the Commission in Amman,

Referring to the note by the Executive Secretary concerning the permanent headquarters of the Commission,

Taking into consideration the need to provide stability for the secretariat of the Commission, which is vital for the performance of the tasks entrusted to it,

1. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia to take the necessary measures to study the requests submitted by the Government of Lebanon and the Government of Jordan, as well as any other request that may be received from any State member of the Commission regarding the transfer and hosting of the permanent headquarters of the Commission, and also requests the Executive Secretary to submit to the Commission at its next special session a detailed report on the contacts he makes with regard to the Commission's permanent headquarters, which should contain an appraisal of the offers made in that respect;

2. *Decides* that a special session of the Commission shall be held at Beirut within one year of the date of the adoption of the present resolution to discuss the question of the permanent headquarters of the Commission;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Government of Lebanon for its offer to act as host to the special session of the Commission and for being prepared to meet the expenses involved;

4. *Expresses its thanks* to the Government of Iraq, as the present host of the Commission, for the facilities it has provided and is providing to the Commission, and appeals to that Government to consult with the Executive Secretary of the Commission before taking any measures related to buildings allocated for the permanent headquarters of the Commission at Baghdad in the light of the agreement concluded between the United Nations and the Government of the Republic of Iraq relating to the headquarters of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, signed at Baghdad on 13 June 1979;

5. *Expresses its thanks also* to the Government of Jordan for hosting the Commission on a temporary basis since