

1997/11. Establishment of the Committee on Transport of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

The Economic and Social Council,

Aware of the vital role of transport infrastructures in national socio-economic development,

Aware also of the importance of integrating transport networks with a view to contributing to the acceleration of regional cooperation processes,

Conscious of the important role of the transport sector in facilitating the flow of goods and passengers among countries and regions, thus contributing to the liberalization of international trade, the promotion of tourism and the growth of exports, in particular within the context of the growing trend towards globalization,

Welcoming the steps taken by United Nations regional commissions for the establishment of specialized committees in various transport fields to ensure the coordination of work at the regional level,

1. *Establishes* the Committee on Transport of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, which shall be made up of representatives of the States members of the Commission who specialize in the field of transport and which shall undertake the following tasks:

(a) *Participation in the establishment and formulation of priorities for programmes of work and medium-term plans in the field of transport;*

(b) *Monitoring of developments in the field of transport in the States members of the Commission;*

(c) *Monitoring of the progress achieved in the activities of the secretariat of the Commission in the field of transport;*

(d) *Ensuring follow-up to regional and international conferences and the participation of member States in such conferences and coordinating the efforts of member States to implement resolutions and recommendations;*

2. *Decides* that, starting in 1999, the Committee on Transport shall meet every two years;

3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia to follow up the implementation of the present resolution and report thereon to the Commission at its twentieth session.

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