

1997/13. Progress made in facilitating the relocation of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia to its permanent headquarters at Beirut

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of the note by the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia on the progress made in facilitating the relocation of the Commission to its permanent headquarters at Beirut,⁵¹

Taking into consideration the presentation made by the Executive Secretary in that regard,

Noting the current preparations for the relocation of the Commission to its permanent headquarters at Beirut and the resulting termination of the services of the local staff employed by the Commission at Amman,

Commending the local staff of the Commission at Amman for their excellent service,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* for the plans prepared and the measures adopted by the secretariat of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, including the plan for the relocation of the Commission to its permanent headquarters at Beirut, in accordance with a timetable that will not interfere with the implementation of the programmes of the Commission and will take into consideration the needs of its staff;
2. *Reiterates its gratitude* to the Government of Lebanon for the efforts and the arrangements it has made to provide a headquarters that satisfies the needs and requirements of the United Nations;
3. *Reiterates its thanks* to the Government of Iraq for the facilities provided throughout the presence of the Commission at Baghdad and its gratitude to the Government of Jordan for the facilities provided to the Commission during its stay at Amman;
4. *Requests* the authorities concerned within the Secretariat to examine the possibility of utilizing the skills of the local staff of the Commission at Amman in other areas within the United Nations or of finding ways to compensate them.

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⁵¹ E/ESCWA/19/7.