

1997/8. Medium-term plan of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia for the period 1998–2001

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 51/219 of 18 December 1996 on programme planning, by which the Assembly adopted the medium-term plan for the period 1998–2001,⁴⁶

Recalling also that the Assembly, in resolution 51/219, also reaffirmed that the medium-term plan, as adopted, was the principal policy directive of the United Nations and should serve as a framework for the formulation of the biennial programme budgets,

Taking note of the medium-term plan of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia for the period 1998–2001,⁴⁶

1. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia to take into account the guidelines contained in the report of the Technical Committee of the Commission on the work of its tenth session, held at Beirut on 5 and 6 May 1997,⁴⁷ and to include them in the revised medium-term plan in accordance with the applicable United Nations rules;

2. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia to report to the Commission at its twentieth session on any changes effected in the medium-term plan.

*34th plenary meeting
18 July 1997*

⁴⁶ E/ESCWA/C.1/19/8.

⁴⁷ E/ESCWA/C.1/19/14–E/ESCWA/19/4.