

1997/9. Programme of work and priorities of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia for the biennium 1998–1999

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 1998–2001,⁴⁷ and noting that the plan is a translation of legislative mandates into programmes and the embodiment of the general policy guidelines and objectives set out by the intergovernmental bodies and that it constitutes the principal policy directive of the United Nations,

Taking note with appreciation of the draft programme of work and priorities of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia for the biennium 1998–1999,⁴⁸

Noting that the draft programme of work and priorities of the Commission reflects the strategies and objectives of the medium-term plan,

1. *Approves* the draft programme of work and priorities of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia for the biennium 1998–1999, in accordance with 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

2. *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 to the programme of work and priorities.

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18 July 1997*

⁴⁷ E/ESCWA/C.1/19/14–E/ESCWA/19/4.

⁴⁸ E/ESCWA/C.1/19/9 and Corr.1.