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*[on the recommendation of the Economic and Social Commission
for Western Asia (E/2014/15/Add.2)]*

2014/36. Redesignation of the Technical Committee of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia as the Executive Committee and amendment of its terms of reference

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the adoption on 18 September 2014 by the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia at its twenty-eighth session of resolution 320 (XXVIII),

Endorses the redesignation of the Technical Committee as the Executive Committee and the amendment of its terms of reference as set out in resolution 320 (XXVIII), the text of which is annexed to the present resolution.

*51st plenary meeting
17 November 2014*

Annex

Resolution 320 (XXVIII)

Redesignation of the Technical Committee as the Executive Committee and amendment of its terms of reference

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

Referring to its decision of 11 May 2006 concerning the establishment of a technical committee that would meet once every six months to follow up the implementation of the programme of work,¹

Referring also to the terms of reference of the Technical Committee, as revised at its fifth meeting, held on 6 and 7 April 2011, which stipulate that the Committee shall hold three meetings per biennium, in support of the ministerial session of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, to advise and assist the secretariat of the Commission in planning and implementing the programme of work and to take action on any other matters,

* E/2014/1/Rev.1, annex II.

¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2006, Supplement No. 21 (E/2006/41), para. 49.*



Having considered the recommendation of the Technical Committee at its seventh meeting to amend the mandate of the Committee in order to facilitate its work and strengthen its ability to take decisions and respond to regional and international developments,

Having also considered the recommendation of the Technical Committee at its eighth meeting to redesignate the Committee as the Executive Committee and amend its terms of reference, so that it may play a greater role in steering and coordinating the activities of the Commission,

Noting the increasing global and regional challenges and the need to develop swift regional responses to them,

Underscoring the importance of strengthening the intergovernmental engagement of member States in the decision-making processes of the Commission, in particular to ensure an integrated approach to the work of the Commission,

1. *Decides* to redesignate the Technical Committee as the Executive Committee;
2. *Also decides* to revise the role of the Technical Committee and its terms of reference, with immediate effect, as set out in the annex to the present resolution;
3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia to follow up on the implementation of the present resolution.

Annex to resolution 320 (XXVIII)

Terms of reference of the Executive Committee

1. The Executive Committee shall submit a report on its activities to the Commission at its sessions.
2. The Executive Committee shall convene three meetings in the period between the biennial sessions of the Commission.
3. The Executive Committee shall be entrusted with submitting resolutions and reports to the Economic and Social Council on matters excluding the terms of reference of the Commission.
4. The Executive Committee shall undertake the following:
 - (a) Organize the sessions of the Commission;
 - (b) Review and adopt the programme of work of the subsidiary committees on the basis of criteria defined by the Executive Committee;
 - (c) Ensure consistency between subprogrammes;
 - (d) Deal with all matters related to programme planning.
5. The membership of the Executive Committee shall mirror that of the Commission.
6. The Chairs or Vice-Chairs of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission can be invited to the meetings of the Executive Committee.
7. The Executive Committee may propose amendments to its terms of reference, which shall be considered for adoption by the Commission.
8. The Executive Committee shall be chaired by a representative of the country chairing the Commission.