

215 (XIX). Progress made in facilitating the relocation of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia to its permanent headquarters in Beirut, Lebanon

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

Taking cognizance of the note by the Executive Secretary on the progress made in facilitating the relocation of ESCWA to its permanent headquarters in Beirut, Lebanon,^{3/}

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

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

Commending the excellent service provided by the local staff of the Commission in Jordan,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* of the plans prepared and the measures adopted by the secretariat, including the plan for the Commission's relocation to its permanent headquarters in Beirut in accordance with a timetable that will not interfere with the carrying out of its programmes and will take into consideration the needs of its staff;

2. *Reiterates its gratitude* to the Government of Lebanon for the efforts made and the arrangements undertaken by it 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 Commission's presence in Baghdad and its gratitude to the Government of Jordan for the facilities provided to the Commission during its stay in Jordan;

4. *Requests* the authorities concerned within the United Nations Secretariat to examine the possibility of utilizing the skills of ESCWA local staff in Amman in other areas within the United Nations or of finding ways to compensate them.

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