

186(XVI). Preparations for the International
Year of the Family, 1994

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 42/134 of 7 December 1987 and 43/135 of 8 December 1988 on the need to enhance international cooperation in the field of the protection of and assistance for the family,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 44/82 of 8 December 1989 on the international year of the family, which proclaims 1994 as the International Year of the Family; and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1983/23 of 26 May 1983 on the role of the family in the development process, 1985/29 of 29 May 1985 on the family and 1989/54 of 24 May 1989 on the need to enhance international cooperation in the field of protection and assistance to the family,

Mindful that the International Year of the Family would provide a good opportunity for mobilizing efforts at the national and regional levels both to emphasize the importance of the family and to urge governmental and non-governmental institutions to formulate and implement policies aimed at supporting the role of the family,

Aware of the importance of ensuring the success of the Year and stressing the significance of the role of non-governmental organizations in preparing and implementing activities for it,

1. Appeals to member States of the Commission to exert all possible efforts to promote awareness of the role of the family as a fundamental unit of society in furthering economic and social development in the region;

2. Urges all member States of the Commission, as well as international donors, to provide the secretariat of the Commission with the necessary financial and other means of support needed to convene a regional preparatory meeting involving governmental and non-governmental organizations during 1993, in preparation for the International Year of the Family.

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2 September 1992