

The meeting addressed regional preparations for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio +20), considering this issue as a salient regional and global priority. The Technical Committee adopted the following two recommendations as a follow-up on the subject:

- a- Invite concerned authorities in the member countries to participate actively and at the highest level in regional and global preparations for Rio+20, adopting Arab initiatives approved by the Council of Arab Ministers Responsible for the Environment;
- b- Request ESCWA secretariat to prepare a report on progress achieved in regional preparations for Rio+20, in cooperation with the League of Arab States, to be submitted to the 6th meeting of the Technical Committee. The report, which should include the positions of the member countries in relation to the themes of the meeting, will then be submitted to the 27th ESCWA session.