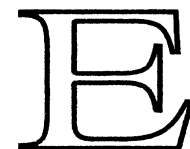




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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the session

The seventeenth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) is being held under the patronage of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan bin Talal. The opening ceremony will commence at 10 a.m. on Sunday, 29 May 1994, in the Grand Ballroom of the Forte Grand (formerly Plaza) Hotel in Amman.

The first meeting of the Commission will be presided over by the Chairman of the sixteenth session, Mr. Ziad Fariz, Minister of Planning of Jordan and head of the delegation of Jordan to that session, or such person as may act in his stead.

2. Election of officers

Rule 12 of the rules of procedure of the Commission provides that "the Commission shall, at the commencement of each session, elect from among the representatives of its members, a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur, who shall hold office until their successors are elected. They shall be eligible for re-election."

3. Adoption of the agenda

Provisional agenda (E/ESCWA/17/L.1/Rev.2)
Annotated provisional agenda (E/ESCWA/17/L.1/Rev.2/Add.1)

Pursuant to rule 5 of the rules of procedure, the Executive Secretary drew up the provisional agenda for the seventeenth session in consultation with the Chairman of the previous session. The provisional agenda includes all items required by the rules of procedure or proposed by the Commission, the Economic and Social Council, a member of the

Commission, the Executive Secretary, a specialized agency, an intergovernmental organization, as referred to in rule 66, or a non-governmental organization in category I, subject to rule 67.

The Commission may adopt the provisional agenda as it appears in document E/ESCWA/17/L.1/Rev.2or, as provided for in rule 9 of the rules of procedure, "revise the agenda by adding, deleting, deferring or amending items" during the session.

4. Organization of work

The Commission will have before it document E/ESCWA/17/2 containing proposals intended to organize the work of the session which the Commission may wish to adopt in their current form or in an amended form.

5. Invitation to States Members of the United Nations or of the specialized agencies not members of the Commission to participate in a consultative capacity in the seventeenth session of the Commission

The Commission will have before it document E/ESCWA/17/3 concerning applications by States Members of the United Nations not members of the Commission to participate in a consultative capacity in the seventeenth session of the Commission in accordance with paragraph 4 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1818 (XV) and rule 63 of the rules of procedure of the Commission.

6. Report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Commission

(a) Progress made in the implementation of the programme of work for the biennium 1992-1993 (activities under the regular work programme and technical cooperation activities).

This sub-item is in two parts: E/ESCWA/17/4(Part I) and its addenda and E/ESCWA/17/4(PartII). Part I includes the activities carried out by the Commission during the last biennium under the regular budget and 10 reports presented to the Commission on specific subjects. Part II includes activities carried out by ESCWA regional advisers within the framework of technical cooperation between the secretariat and the States members of ESCWA;

(b) Follow-up action on the resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixteenth session.

Under this sub-item, the Commission will consider the details of the implementation of the following seven resolutions adopted at its sixteenth session:

- (i) Resolution 179 (XVI) on setting up a statistics committee within the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (E/ESCWA/17/5/Add.1);

- (ii) Resolution 180 (XVI) on regional cooperation and coordination in the field of environment and sustainable development (E/ESCWA/17/5/Add.2);
 - (iii) Resolution 181 (XVI) on support for the Regional Household Survey Project in the ESCWA countries (E/ESCWA/17/5/Add.3);
 - (iv) Resolution 182 (XVI) on the Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Decade for Western Asia (1994-2003) (E/ESCWA/17/5/Add.4);
 - (v) Resolution 183 (XVI) on the reconstruction of Lebanon (E/ESCWA/17/5/Add.5);
 - (vi) Resolution 184 (XVI) on the economic and social conditions of the Palestinian Arab people in the occupied Palestinian territories (E/ESCWA/17/5/Add.6);
 - (vii) Resolution 185 (XVI) on the economic and social conditions of the Syrian people under Israeli occupation in the occupied Syrian Golan (E/ESCWA/17/5/Add.7)
- (c) Follow-up action at the regional level on United Nations world conferences and ESCWA regional meetings (E/ESCWA/17/6). The document reviews the follow-up action on the following six conferences and meetings:
- (i) United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED);
 - (ii) United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II);
 - (iii) International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo, 5-13 September 1994);
 - (iv) World Summit for Social Development (Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995);
 - (v) Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing, September 1995);
 - (vi) Meeting of Heads of Central Statistical Organizations.
- (d) Cooperation among developing countries and regional organizations (E/ESCWA/17/7);

The Commission will have before it, for its consideration of this item, a report by the Executive Secretary giving details of the various activities carried out by the Commission with a view to strengthening cooperation among developing countries and regional organizations.

7. Financial status of the Commission's programmes

The Commission will have before it, for the consideration of this item, the following three documents, which review the various financial aspects of the Commission's programmes:

(a) Financial status of the Commission's programmes: regular budget (E/ESCWA/17/8/Add.1);

(b) Financial status of the Commission's programmes: extrabudgetary resources (E/ESCWA/17/8/Add.2);

(c) Financial status of the Commission's programmes: Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities (E/ESCWA/17/8/Add.3).

8. Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic and social fields: restructuring of ESCWA programmes (E/ESCWA/17/9)

In its report of 16 November 1993, the mission team of the Office for Inspections and Investigations recommended a fundamental reappraisal and restructuring of the ESCWA programme of work. This document explains the measures adopted by ESCWA in that regard.

9. Revised medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997; second revision (E/ESCWA/17/10)

This document is related to the restructuring of ESCWA programmes and focuses on development issues and challenges that will be of major concern to the region during the coming two decades.

10. Draft revision of the programme of work and priorities for the biennium 1994-1995 (E/ESCWA/17/11)

The Commission will have before it for consideration a note by the Executive Secretary explaining the most important considerations that went into the preparation of the programme of work and priorities for the biennium 1994-1995 and the activities included in the programme.

11. Proposed outline of the programme of work and priorities for the biennium 1996-1997 (E/ESCWA/17/12)

This document reviews the outline of the programme of work for the biennium 1996-1997, which will materialize, at the appropriate time, in specific activities to be included in the programme of work for the period in question.

12. Designation of sectoral focal points

The successful implementation of the ESCWA programme depends on the existence of strong relations with the member States. This subject was raised during the eighth session of the Technical Committee, held at Amman from 11 to 13 October 1993. Document E/ESCWA/17/13 reviews the various aspects of this question.

13. The permanent headquarters of the Commission (resolution 192 (XVI) on the permanent headquarters of the Commission)

The secretariat of ESCWA has received invitations from Lebanon, Qatar and Jordan to host the Commission's permanent headquarters.

To facilitate the discussion of this item, a report by the Executive Secretary containing details and background information on the subject (E/ESCWA/17/14) will be before the Commission.

The secretariat proposes to the Commission that this item should be discussed in a closed session.

14. Current issues of importance to the ESCWA region: methods of strengthening mechanisms and techniques of activating intraregional trade among the States members of the Commission (E/ESCWA/17/15)

This topic is proposed for discussion at the session pursuant to Commission resolution 119 (X) of 11 May 1983, paragraph 4 of which provides for the inclusion in the provisional agenda of a special item related to a priority theme, issue or problem facing the countries of the region.

15. Adoption of the report of the Technical Committee on its eighth session

The Commission will have before it, for consideration and adoption, the report of the Technical Committee on the work of its eighth session containing recommendations pertaining to items considered by the Committee (E/ESCWA/17/16-E/ESCWA/C.1/17/6/Rev.2).

16. Date, venue and provisional agenda of the eighteenth session of the Commission

Rule 1 (a) of the rules of procedure of the Commission stipulates that the sessions of the Commission shall normally be held in April every other year, at a time to be determined by the members of the Commission. Rule 2 states further that sessions of the Commission shall normally be held at its headquarters; the Commission may, however, recommend holding a particular session elsewhere (on the assumption that a member has offered to host the session and with the concurrence of the Secretary-General, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 40/243).

Under this item, the Commission may also wish to consider the choice of a possible theme for its eighteenth session.

17. Other matters

This agenda item covers any other matters which members of the Commission may deem appropriate to discuss.

18. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its seventeenth session

The Commission will examine and adopt its report (E/ESCWA/17/18) together with the draft resolutions.