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AGENDA

1. Opening of the twenty-third session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Proposed organization of work.
5. Consideration of requests by States Members of the United Nations and/or its specialized agencies that are not members of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) to participate as observers in the twenty-third session of the Commission.
6. Priority issues in the Western Asia region:
 - (a) Peace and security and their impact on economic and social development;
 - (b) Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in ESCWA member countries;
 - (c) Social policies in ESCWA member countries.
7. Report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Commission:
 - (a) Implementation of 2004-2005 biennium regular budget activities;
 - (b) The financial and budgetary position;
 - (c) The technical cooperation programme and regional advisory services;
 - (d) Recommendations of the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services on its audit of the regional commissions.
8. General debate: issues of which the twenty-third session is seized.
9. Adoption of the Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in the field of maritime transport in the Arab Mashreq.

10. Draft programme of work for the biennium 2006-2007.
 11. Cooperation between ESCWA and the League of Arab States.
 12. Date and venue of the twenty-fourth session of the Commission.
 13. Other business.
 14. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its twenty-third session.
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