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**PRIORITY ISSUES IN THE WESTERN ASIA REGION**

This agenda item covers three issues that are vital to the Western Asia region, which will be considered at three round tables. Those issues are peace and security and their impact on economic and social development, which will be considered on the basis of E/ESCWA/23/4(Part I); achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in ESCWA member countries, which will be considered on the basis of E/ESCWA/23/4(Part II); and social policies in ESCWA member countries, which will be considered on the basis of E/ESCWA/23/4(Part III).

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