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AGENDA

1. Opening of the twenty-fourth 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-fourth session of the Commission.
6. Policy issues in the ESCWA region:
 - (a) New challenges in the region and their impact on the work of ESCWA;
 - (b) Facing youth unemployment problems in the ESCWA region;
 - (c) Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in the ESCWA region: the Damascus Declaration.
7. Report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Commission:
 - (a) Programme performance report for the biennium 2004-2005;
 - (b) Follow-up to the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Commission at its twenty-third session;
 - (c) The technical cooperation programme and regional advisory services;
 - (d) Mobilizing financial resources and funding;
 - (e) Report of the seventh session of the Committee on Transport.

8. Management issues:
 - (a) Streamlining the work of the Commission:
 - (i) Consideration of the Statistics Programme;
 - (ii) Consideration of ESCWA intergovernmental machinery;
 - (b) Proposed programme changes for the biennium 2006-2007;
 - (c) Draft strategic framework for the biennium 2008-2009.
9. Review of progress made by Yemen in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the decade 2001-2010.
10. Date and venue of the twenty-fifth session of the Commission.
11. Other business.
12. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its twenty-fourth session.
