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AGENDA

1. Opening of the twenty-fifth 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-fifth session of the Commission.
6. Policy issues in the ESCWA region:
 - (a) Financing for development in the ESCWA region;
 - (b) Regional cooperation for achieving the Millennium Development Goals.
7. Report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Commission:
 - (a) Programme performance report for the biennium 2006-2007;
 - (b) Follow-up to implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Commission at its twenty-fourth session;
 - (c) Follow-up to the establishment of an Arabic language centre at ESCWA;
 - (d) Technical cooperation programme;
 - (e) Financial status of the Commission;
 - (f) Reports of ESCWA subsidiary bodies on their sessions.

8. Management issues:
 - (a) Streamlining the work of the Commission:
 - (i) Lessons learned from evaluation of the sessions of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies;
 - (ii) Frequency of the sessions of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies;
 - (iii) First meeting of the Technical Committee;
 - (b) Proposed amendments to the work programme for the biennium 2008-2009;
 - (c) Revised draft strategic framework for the biennium 2010-2011.
9. Draft convention on international multimodal transport of goods in the Arab Mashreq.
10. Consideration of the request for membership in the Commission by the Sudan.
11. Date and venue of the twenty-sixth session of the Commission.
12. Other business.
13. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its twenty-fifth session.
