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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA
TECHNOLOGY CENTRE (ETC)

HOST COUNTRY AGREEMENT
ESCWA TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

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**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN
REGARDING THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE ESCWA TECHNOLOGY CENTRE**

The United Nations and the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

Considering that the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan is a member of the United Nations and wishes to contribute to the development of developing countries,

Being aware of the need to strengthen the technology development, transfer and utilization capabilities of the developing countries in Western Asia and to promote environmentally sound technologies for the rapid and sustainable development of the region,

Recalling the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) resolutions 254 (XXIII) on 12 May 2005 and 274 (XXIV) on 11 May 2006, concerning the need to establish within the ESCWA region a Technology Centre,

Recalling, further, the offer made by the Government of Jordan to provide host facilities for such a Centre, and the acceptance of such offer, by the ESCWA Committee for Evaluating the Offers to Host the ESCWA Technology Centre with great appreciation on 4 August 2009, according to the ESCWA resolution 284 (XXV) on 29 May 2008,

Recognizing that ETC is a subsidiary body of ESCWA and that as such the relevant resolution, decision, regulations, rules and policies of the competent organs of the United Nations are applicable to the Centre,

Desiring by means of this Agreement to establish the legal status, and the conditions under which the ESCWA Technology Centre is established and will operate in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan,

Have agreed as follows:

**ARTICLE I
DEFINITIONS**

For the purpose of this Agreement:

1. "Appropriate authorities" means central, local and other competent authorities under the law of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.
2. "Convention" means the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 13 February 1946, to which the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan is a party since 3 January 1958;
3. "Government" means the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.
4. "Parties" means the United Nations and the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.
5. "The Centre" means the ESCWA Technology Centre (ETC).
6. "ESCWA" means the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

7. "Property of the Centre" means all property, including funds, income, and other assets belonging to the Centre or held or administered by the Centre in furtherance of the functions of the Centre.
8. "Archives" means all records, correspondence, documents, publications, manuscripts, photographs, films, recordings, computer data files and software belonging to or held by the Centre, wherever located.
9. "Officials of the Centre" means the Director of the Centre and all members of the staff employed under Staff Regulations and the Rules of the United Nations, with the exception of trainees and persons who are recruited locally and assigned to hourly rates, as provided for in General Assembly resolution 76(1), adopted on 7 December 1946.
10. "Experts on Mission" means persons, other than officials of the Centre, performing missions at the request of or on behalf of the Centre.
11. "Persons performing services" means independent contractors, United Nations Volunteers and consultants.
12. "The Director of the Centre" means the official in charge of the Centre.
13. "The Secretary-General" means the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
14. "Personnel" means Officials of the Centre, Experts on Mission, Fellows and Trainees.

ARTICLE II LOCATION AND MEMBERSHIP

1. The Centre shall be established in Amman, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.
2. The Parties shall cooperate in ensuring the uninterrupted operation of the Centre.
3. The Centre shall be open to all Members of ESCWA.

ARTICLE III OBJECTIVES, FUNCTIONS, ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

The objectives, functions, organization and management of the Centre shall be as provided for in the Statute, a copy of which is set out in the Annex to the present Agreement.

ARTICLE IV JURIDICAL PERSONALITY

1. The Centre, as a subsidiary body of ESCWA, shall have the capacity:
 - (a) To contract;
 - (b) To acquire and dispose of movable and immovable property;
 - (c) To institute legal proceedings.
2. For the purposes of this Agreement, the Centre shall be represented by the Director of the Centre.

ARTICLE V ACADEMIC FREEDOM

The Centre shall enjoy the academic freedom required for the achievement of its objectives and functions.

ARTICLE VI PREMISES

1. (a) The premises of the Centre located within El Hassan Science City (EHSC) shall be inviolable. No officer or official of the Host Country or person exercising any public authority within the Host Country, shall enter the premises of the Centre to perform any official duties therein except with the express consent of, and under conditions approved by the Director, or at his request;

(b) Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent the application by the appropriate authorities of measures for the protection of the premises against fire or other emergency requiring prompt protection action;

(c) The premises of the Centre shall be used solely to further its purposes and activities including by holding meetings, seminars, exhibitions and other related purposes which are organized by the Centre, the United Nations, ESCWA or other related organizations.

2. The appropriate authorities are under a special duty to take reasonable steps to protect the premises of the Centre against any intrusion or damage and to prevent any disturbance of the peace of the Centre.

3. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement or in the Convention, the laws applicable in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan shall apply within the premises of the Centre. However, the premises of the Centre shall be under the immediate control and authority of the Centre itself which should establish regulations for the execution of its functions therein.

4. The Centre shall be entitled to fly the United Nations flag, and display its emblem on the premises and means of transport of the Centre.

ARTICLE VII PUBLIC SERVICES

1. The appropriate authorities shall use their best efforts and based on available resources, in consultation with the Centre, to ensure that the premises of the Centre shall be supplied with the necessary public utilities and services.

2. In case of any interruption or threatened interruption of any such services, the appropriate authorities shall consider the needs of the Centre and shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that the work of the Centre is not prejudiced.

3. The Director shall, upon request, make suitable arrangements to enable the appropriate public service bodies to inspect, repair, maintain, reconstruct and relocate utilities, conduits, mains and sewers within the premises of the Centre.

ARTICLE VIII ARCHIVES

The archives of the Centre, and in general all documents and materials made available, belonging to or used by it, wherever located in the Host Country and by whomsoever held, shall be inviolable.

ARTICLE IX LEGAL STATUS OF THE CENTRE

The Convention of the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 13 February 1946 shall be applicable to the Centre including its property, funds, assets, communication as a subsidiary body of the United Nations, and to members of its Board, Officials and Experts.

ARTICLE X COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

1. The facilities in respect of communications accorded to the United Nations set out in Article III of the Convention shall apply to the Centre.
2. The Centre shall have the right to publish freely within the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, in the fulfillment of its purpose and to retain the copyright on its publications. It is, however, understood that the Centre shall respect the laws and regulations of Jordan and the international conventions to which the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan is a party, relating to intellectual property.

ARTICLE XI FREEDOM FROM TAXATION

1. The Centre, its assets, income and other property shall be exempt from all direct taxes, and other taxes or duties, and from prohibitions and restrictions on import or export, of goods and motor vehicles up to four used for its official activities, and as accorded to other United Nations bodies in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.
2. In order to apply motor vehicle exemption the Centre shall file a request for each purchase to which the exemption is applicable.
3. The Centre shall be accorded a refund of value-added tax paid on the supply of goods or services of substantial value, necessary for the official activities of the Centre with the exception of motor vehicles. In this connection, it is envisaged that claims for refund will be made only in respect of goods or services supplied on a recurring basis or involving considerable expenditure, such as the furnishings of the premises of the Centre. The Centre shall be accorded a refund of the excise duty element included in the price of spirits and, where applicable, hydrocarbons, such as fuel oils and motor fuels purchased by the Centre and necessary for its official activities.
4. Goods whose import or export by the Centre is necessary for the exercise of its official activities, shall be exempt from all import duties and taxes and from all prohibitions and restrictions on import or export.
5. The provisions of the preceding sections of this Article shall not apply to taxes and duties that are no more than charges for public utility services.

ARTICLE XII FINANCIAL FACILITIES

1. Without being restricted by financial controls, regulations or moratoria of any kind, the Centre may:
 - (a) Hold funds, gold or currency of any kind and operate accounts in any currency;
 - (b) Freely transfer its funds, gold or currency to or from the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan or within the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and convert any convertible currency held by it into any other currency.

ARTICLE XIII
ADMINISTRATIVE, FINANCIAL AND RELATED ARRANGEMENTS

1. The Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan agrees to make voluntary contributions, in cash and in kind, for the operation of the Centre, including:

(a) Suitable premises, including appropriate office and conference accommodation, furniture, furnishings, other facilities and parking space necessary for the work of the Centre free of rent, taxes, rates and encumbrances;

(b) Regular, routine repair and maintenance with respect to all the premises and facilities provided by the Government;

(c) Repairs resulting from fire, force majeure, structural defects or deterioration and for the replacement, within a reasonable period, of any building or part thereof which may be totally or partially destroyed;

(d) The making of an annual contribution towards the expenses of the Centre in an amount which will enable the Centre to meet a part of its institutional costs other than the salaries and allowances of internationally-recruited staff. The Government may also make a contribution to the programme activity of the Centre.

2. Any movable and immovable property and facilities whatsoever which are provided by the Government for the sole purpose of the Centre shall remain the property of the Government. No structural or other alterations or additions to such property shall be made without the prior written approval of the Government.

3. The Government agrees to provide additional facilities and services that are required for the Centre at a cost, or on conditions to be mutually agreed upon by the Government and the United Nations. Alternatively, such additional facilities and services will be financed from contributions from other participating Member countries.

4. All expenses of the Centre, including the remuneration of its staff, shall be met from voluntary contributions in cash or in kind accepted by the United Nations from the Government of Jordan, from other Governments, from agencies in the United Nations system or from other sources.

5. The voluntary contributions referred to in paragraph 4 of this Article shall be held as trust fund of the United Nations and shall be administered by the Executive Secretary of ESCWA in accordance with the United Nations Financial Regulations and Rules.

ARTICLE XIV
ACCESS, TRANSIT AND RESIDENCE

1. (a) The Government shall take all necessary measures to facilitate the entry into, sojourn in and transit through the territory of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan persons listed below and their spouses and relatives dependent on them for the purposes of official business of such persons related to the Centre:

(i) Members of the Board;

(ii) The Director, Officials and Experts of the Centre;

(iii) Fellows and Trainees of the Centre;

- (iv) Officials of the United Nations or specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency, having official business with the Centre;
- (v) Personnel of the research and training centres and programmes and institutions of ESCWA, and persons participating in the programmes of ESCWA having official business with the centre;
- (vi) Other persons invited by the Centre on official business.

(b) The Centre shall notify the appropriate authorities as far as possible in advance, of the names of the persons described in paragraph (a) above, and of their spouses and relatives dependent on them, together with other relevant data regarding them, as well as any changes therein. The facilities provided for in this Article include granting of visas without charge, where applicable, and as promptly as possible, where required for persons referred to above.

2. No act performed by any person referred to in paragraph 1 in his official capacity with respect to the Centre shall constitute a reason for preventing his entry into or departure from, or for requiring him to leave, the territory of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

3. This Article shall not prevent the requirement of reasonable evidence to establish that persons claiming the treatment provided for in this Article come within the classes described in paragraph 1.

ARTICLE XV IDENTIFICATION

1. Officials of the Centre as well as Experts on Mission, Fellows, Trainees and Persons performing services attached to it and their spouses and relatives dependent on them shall hold a personal identity card issued by the Centre.

2. Non-Jordanian personnel of the Centre, and as accorded to other United Nations bodies in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, shall:

(a) Enjoy exemption from aliens' registration formalities and shall not require a residence permit provided that they hold the personal identity card referred to in paragraph 3 of this Article; the same shall apply to non-Jordanian members of their families forming part of their households;

(b) Shall not require a work permit.

3. The Government shall arrange with the appropriate authorities to provide to Officials of the Centre, their spouses and relatives dependent on them, on notification of their appointment, the necessary identification card which shall be accepted by the appropriate authorities as evidence of identity and appointment as an official of the Centre.

ARTICLE XVI PRIVILEGES, IMMUNITIES AND OTHER FACILITIES OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, OFFICIALS AND EXPERTS

1. Members of the Board at meetings convened by the Centre shall, while exercising their functions and during their journeys to and from the place of meeting, enjoy the privileges and immunities provided for in Article IV of the Convention.

2. Officials of the Centre shall be accorded the following privileges and immunities in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan:

(a) Immunity from legal process in respect of words spoken or written and all acts performed by them in their official capacity. Such immunity shall continue in force after termination of employment with the United Nations;

(b) Enjoy inviolability for all their official papers and documents;

(c) Exemption from taxation on the salaries and emoluments paid to them by the United Nations; exemption from taxation on all income and property, for themselves and for their spouses and relatives dependent on them, in so far as such income derives from sources, or in so far as such property is located outside the Host Country;

(d) Exemption from national service obligations in the Host Country;

(e) Exemption, for themselves and for their spouses and relatives dependent on them from immigration restrictions or alien registration procedures;

(f) Exemption for themselves for the purpose of official business from any restriction on movement and travel inside the Host Country and a similar exemption for themselves and for their spouses and relatives dependent on them for recreation in accordance with arrangements agreed upon between the Head of Centre and the competent authorities;

(g) In regard to foreign exchange, including holding accounts in foreign currencies, enjoyment of the same facilities as are accorded to members of diplomatic missions accredited to the Host Country;

(h) The same protection and repatriation facilities with respect to themselves, their spouses, and relatives dependent on them as are accorded in time of international crisis to diplomatic envoys;

(i) The right to import for their personal use, free of duties, taxes and other levies, prohibitions and restrictions on imports:

(i) Import free of custom and exercise duties limited quantities of certain articles intended for personal use or consumption and not for gift or sale;

(ii) Import a motor vehicle free of custom and excise duties, in accordance with existing regulations of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan applicable to members of diplomatic missions of comparable ranks. This right to import a motor vehicle is renewable every three years. A vehicle imported pursuant to this Agreement may be sold under conditions agreed with the Host Country.

(j) Officials shall be entitled, on the termination of their functions in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to export their furniture and personal effects, including motor vehicles, without duties and taxes.

3. Officials of Jordanian nationality or with permanent residency status in the Host Country shall enjoy only those privileges and immunities provided for in Section 18 of the Convention.

4. In accordance with the provisions of Section 17 of the Convention, the competent authorities shall be periodically informed of the names of the officials assigned to the Centre.

5. In addition to the privileges and immunities of the personnel of the Centre, provided for in this Agreement, the Director, and in his/her absence the official designated to act on his behalf, shall enjoy the privileges and immunities to which a diplomatic agent is entitled, unless in either case he is a Jordanian national or a permanent resident of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

6. Experts on Mission at the Centre shall enjoy such privileges and immunities as are provided for *mutatis mutandis* in Article VI and VII of the Convention.
7. The Government shall grant all persons performing services for or on behalf of the Centre the same privileges and immunities as Officials assigned to the Centre.
8. Privileges and immunities are granted by this Agreement in the interests of the United Nations and not for the personal benefit of the individuals themselves. The Secretary-General shall have the right and the duty to waive the immunity of any individual in any case where, in his opinion, the immunity would impede the course of justice and can be waived without prejudice to the interests of the United Nations.

ARTICLE XVII LOCALLY-RECRUITED PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO HOURLY RATES

1. The terms and conditions of employment for persons recruited locally and assigned to hourly rates shall be in accordance with the relevant United Nations resolutions, decisions, regulations and rules and policies of the competent organs of the United Nations.
2. Personnel recruited in the Host Country and assigned to hourly rates shall be accorded immunity from legal process in respect of words spoken or written and all acts performed by them in their official capacity. Such immunity shall continue to be accorded after termination of employment with the United Nations.

ARTICLE XVIII ISSUANCE OF VISAS AND RESIDENCE PERMITS TO HOUSEHOLD EMPLOYEES

The competent authorities shall issue visas and residence permits and any other documents, where required, to household employees of officials assigned to the Centre as speedily as possible and as applicable to other United Nations Bodies in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

ARTICLE XIX LAISSEZ-PASSER

1. The Government shall recognize and accept the United Nations Laissez-Passer issued to officials of the Centre as valid travel document equivalent to a passport. Visas and entry permits, where required, shall be granted free of charge and as speedily as possible.
2. Similar facilities specified in paragraph 1 above shall be accorded to persons who though not the holders of United Nations Laissez-Passer have a certificate that they are travelling on the business of the United Nations.

ARTICLE XX RISKS OF OPERATION, NOTIFICATION TO THE JUDICIAL AUTHORITY AND OTHER AUTHORITIES

The Government shall provide the Centre with all assistance in dealing with any and all risks of operation arising under this agreement. In the event of claims arising from or attributable to the activities of the Centre that may be brought by third parties in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan against the Centre, its Officials, Experts on mission and other persons having official business with the Centre, the Government shall promptly inform judicial and/or other relevant authorities of the privileges and immunities enjoyed by the Centre in accordance with the Convention and otherwise including by virtue of this agreement.

ARTICLE XXI SOCIAL SECURITY

1. The Centre shall be exempt from all compulsory contributions to, and the personnel of the Centre shall not be required by the Government to participate in, any social security scheme of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in so far as this relates to individuals who are not Jordanian nationals or do not permanently reside in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

2. The Government shall, under conditions to be agreed upon, make such provision as may be necessary to enable any of the personnel of the Centre who is not afforded social security coverage by the Centre to participate, if the Centre so requests, in any social security scheme of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. The Centre shall, in so far as possible, arrange, under conditions to be agreed upon, for the participation in the Jordanian social security system of those locally recruited members of its personnel to whom the Centre does not grant social security protection at least equivalent to that offered under the laws and regulations of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

ARTICLE XXII SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

1. The Parties shall strive to settle any dispute concerning the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement or any supplemental agreement amicably or through other agreed mode of settlement. Any dispute which is not so resolved may, at the request of either party, be referred to a tribunal of three arbitrators. One arbitrator will be appointed by the Government, one by the Secretary-General and the third by the two arbitrators. If, within sixty days of the request for arbitration, either Party has not appointed an arbitrator or if, within ninety days of the appointment of two arbitrators, the third arbitrator has not been appointed, either party may request the President of the International Court of Justice to appoint an arbitrator. The arbitrators shall determine the procedure of arbitration and the expenses of the arbitration shall be borne by the Parties as assessed by the arbitrators. The arbitrator award shall contain a statement of the reasons on which it is based and shall be accepted by the Parties as the final adjudication of the dispute.

2. The United Nations shall take the measures necessary for ensuring the proper settlement of:

(a) Disputes arising out of the contracts or other disputes of a private law character to which the Centre is a party;

(b) Disputes involving any personnel of the Centre, official or expert who by reasons of his or her official position enjoys immunity, if immunity has not been waived by the Secretary General.

ARTICLE XXIII GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Without prejudice to the privileges and immunities accorded by this Agreement, it is the duty of all persons enjoying such privileges and immunities to observe the laws and regulations of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. They also have a duty not to interfere in the internal affairs of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

2. (a) Subject to the privileges and immunities of the centre, the centre shall co-operate at all times with competent authorities in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to facilitate the proper course of justice, to uphold respect for local laws and regulations and to prevent any deviation in the exercise of immunities, privileges and facilities provided for in this Agreement;

(b) The Director of the Centre shall take every precaution to ensure that no abuse of a privilege or immunity conferred by this Agreement shall occur, and for this purpose shall establish such rules and

regulation as may be deemed necessary and expedient, for the Officials and experts of the Centre and for such other persons as may be appropriate;

(c) Should the Government of Jordan consider that an abuse of a privilege or immunity conferred by this Agreement has occurred, the Director of the Centre shall, upon request, consult with the appropriate authorities to determine whether any such abuse has occurred. If such consultations fail to achieve a result satisfactory to the Government and to the Director of the Centre, the matter shall be determined in accordance with the procedure set out in Article XXII, paragraph 2.

ARTICLE XXIV FINAL PROVISIONS

1. The seat of The Centre shall not be removed from the premises unless the Parties so agree.
2. This Agreement may be modified by written agreement between the Parties hereto. Each Party shall give full consideration to any proposal advanced by the other Party under this Section.
3. This Agreement shall enter into force upon receipt by the United Nations of a notification from the Government indicating that the internal procedures necessary for the Agreement's entry into force have been completed.
4. This Agreement may be terminated by either Party by written notice to the other and shall terminate six months after the receipt of such notice. Notwithstanding any such notice of termination, this Agreement shall remain in force until complete fulfillment or termination of all obligations entered into by virtue of this Agreement.

In witness whereof the undersigned, being the duly appointed representatives of the respective Parties, have signed this Agreement in the English and Arabic languages, in duplicate, on the 23rd day of December, 2010. For the purposes of interpretation and in case of conflict, the English text shall prevail.

For the United Nations



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2010/5	Establishment of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia Technology Centre (E/2010/15/Add.1, chap. I, sect. B, and E/2010/SR.42)	10	20 July 2010

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting the adoption by the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia at its twenty-sixth session, held in Beirut from 17 to 20 May 2010, of its resolution 294 (XXI) on the establishment of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia Technology Centre, by which the Commission adopted the statute of the Centre,

Endorses the resolution on the establishment of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia Technology Centre and the statute of the Centre, as set out in annexes I and II to the present resolution.

*42nd plenary meeting
20 July 2010*

Annex I

Establishment of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia Technology Centre

The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

Recalling the 2005 World Summit Outcome,¹ Economic and Social Council resolution 2004/68 of 5 November 2004 and the United Nations Millennium Declaration,^{Error! Bookmark not defined.} in which the promotion of science and technology was identified as a United Nations priority,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 64/222 of 21 December 2009 adopting the Nairobi outcome document of the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation, in which the Assembly emphasized the need to promote, including through South-South cooperation, access to and the transfer of technology,

Further recalling its resolution 284 (XXV) of 29 May 2008, by which the Commission approved the establishment of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia Technology Centre for Development,

Expressing its appreciation to Jordan for its offer to host the Centre, and noting that resources for the centre should come from the following sources:

¹ See General Assembly resolution 60/1.

- (a) Support from the host country;
- (b) Support from the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia;
- (c) Income received by the Centre for services provided to beneficiaries;
- (d) Any other funding sources approved by the board of governors.

1. *Adopts* the statute of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia Technology Centre, in accordance with the present resolution, as the basis for its operations;

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to take all necessary steps for the prompt establishment of the Centre, including the conclusion of a headquarters agreement between the host country and the United Nations;

3. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to establish the first founding board of governors by soliciting nominations from member countries;

4. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its twenty-seventh session on the implementation of the present resolution, including the initial operating phase of the Centre, and the achievements of the Commission in that regard.

Annex II

Statute of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia Technology Centre

Establishment

1. The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia Technology Centre shall be established in accordance with the following terms and conditions.

Mission

2. The mission of the Centre is to assist members of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia and public and private organizations to acquire the tools and capabilities necessary to accelerate socio-economic development in order to attain technological parity with other nations and regions of the world, and to contribute to the conversion of the economies of member countries into economies based on scientific and technological knowledge.

Objectives

3. The objectives of the Centre are to assist the members of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia by strengthening their capabilities to develop and manage national systems; develop, transfer, adapt and apply technology; determine the suitable technology for the region and facilitate its development and improve the legal and commercial framework for the transfer of technology. The Centre also aims at enhancing the technological and scientific knowledge content of major economic sectors in member countries.

Functions

4. The Centre will achieve the above objectives by undertaking such functions as:

- (a) Conducting research and analysis of trends, conditions and opportunities;
- (b) Providing advisory services;
- (c) Disseminating information and promoting good practices;
- (d) Developing partnerships and other networks with regional and international organizations and key stakeholders;
- (e) Training national personnel, particularly scientists and policy analysts;
- (f) Assessing the scientific and technological level and content of production and service sectors and measuring performance indicators of those sectors in the localization of scientific and technological knowledge.

Status and organization

5. The Centre shall have a Board of Governors (herein referred to as "the Board"), an Executive Director and staff, and a Technical Committee.

6. The Centre shall be located in Amman, Jordan. A host country agreement shall be concluded between the Government of Jordan and the United Nations.

7. The activities of the Centre shall be in line with relevant resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission. The Centre shall be subject to the Financial and Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations and applicable administrative instructions and issuances.

Board of Governors

8. The Centre shall have a Board of Governors consisting of a standing representative designated by the Government of Jordan, and no fewer than six additional representatives nominated by the other members of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia and elected by the Commission. The representatives who are elected by the Commission shall be elected for a period of three years and shall be eligible for re-election one more time only. If a representative is unable to serve for the full term, the vacancy shall be filled by the Government of that representative. The Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia or his/her representative shall attend meetings of the Board but shall not have the right to vote.

9. During the two-year establishment period, a Board of Governors will be constituted comprising representatives of all member countries who so wish.

10. The Executive Director of the Centre shall serve as secretary of the Board of Governors and, in such capacity, shall keep and circulate minutes of Board meetings to its members.

11. Representatives of (a) any State Member of the United Nations, (b) United Nations bodies and specialized and related agencies, and (c) such other organizations as the Board may deem appropriate as well as experts in fields of

interest to the Board may, at the Board's discretion, be invited to attend Board meetings.

12. The Board shall meet at least once a year and shall adopt its own rules of procedure. Sessions of the Board shall be convened by the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, who may propose special sessions of the Board at his/her own initiative and shall convene such special sessions at the request of a majority of Board members.

13. A quorum for Board meetings shall be a majority of its members.

14. Each member of the Board shall have one vote. Decisions and recommendations of the Board shall be made by consensus or, where this is not possible, by a majority of the members present and voting. For the purposes of these rules, the phrase "members present and voting" means members casting an affirmative or negative vote. Members who abstain from voting are considered as not voting.

15. The Board shall, at each regular session, elect a chair and vice-chair. The chair and the vice-chair shall hold office until the next regular session of the Board. The chair or, in his/her absence, the vice-chair shall preside at Board meetings. If the chair is unable to serve for the full session for which he/she has been elected, the vice-chair shall act as chair for the remainder of that session.

16. The Board shall review the administration and financial status of the Centre and the implementation of its programme of work. The Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia shall submit an annual report as adopted by the Board to the Commission at its regular sessions.

Executive Director and staff

17. The Centre shall have an Executive Director and such additional staff as are appointed by the Secretary-General in accordance with United Nations regulations, rules and administrative instructions. The Executive Director and additional staff shall have the status of Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia staff members.

18. The Executive Director shall be responsible to the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia for the administration of the Centre and the implementation of its programme of work.

Technical Committee

19. The Centre shall have a Technical Committee consisting of experts from members of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia and from intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations. Members of the technical committee shall be appointed by the Executive Director in consultation with the Executive Secretary of the Commission.

20. The Technical Committee shall be responsible for advising the Executive Director on the formulation of the programme of work and on other technical matters concerning the Centre's operations.

21. Reports of meetings of the Technical Committee, and the Executive Director's observations thereon, shall be submitted to the Board at its next session.

22. The chair at each meeting of the Technical Committee shall be elected by the majority vote of those members of the Technical Committee present and voting.

Resources of the Centre

23. The Centre shall be financed from the following sources:

- (a) Support from the host country;
- (b) Support from the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia;
- (c) Income received by the Centre for services provided to beneficiaries;
- (d) Any other funding sources approved by the Board of Governors.

24. The Centre will endeavour to mobilize sufficient resources to support its activities in addition to those received from the host country pursuant to the agreement signed between the host country and the United Nations.

25. The United Nations shall maintain separate trust funds for donations for technical cooperation projects or other special contributions for activities of the Centre.

26. The financial resources of the Centre shall be administered in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations.

Amendments

27. Amendments to the present statute shall be adopted by the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

28. In the event of any procedural matter arising that is not covered by the present statute or rules of procedure adopted by the Board of Governors, the pertinent part of the terms of reference and rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia shall apply.

Entry into force

29. The present statute shall enter into force on the date of its adoption by the Commission.