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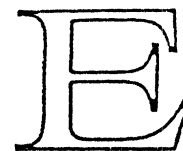
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**Table 2. ESCWA Professional vacancies in substantive divisions  
for the period 1 January - 31 December 1994**

Division/Section	Authorized (W/M) 1994	Utilized (W/M) 1994	Vacancies (W/M)* 1994	Vacancy Rate (%)
<b>Economic Development Issues and Policies Division</b>				
Economic Issues and Policies Section	60	48	12	20.0
Trade and Finance Section	84	48	36	42.9
Joint UNCTAD/ESCWA Unit on Transnational Corporations	XB 12	12	-	-
	Subtotal RB 144	96	48	33.3
	XB 12	12	-	-
<b>Sectoral Issues and Policies Division</b>				
Industry Section	96	66.5	29.5	30.7
Technology Section	36	24.0	12.0	33.3
Transport Section	63	39.0	24.0	38.1
Agriculture Section	RB 72	55	17	23.6
	XB 36	24	12	33.3
	Subtotal RB 267	184.5	82.5	30.9
	XB 36	24	12	33.3
<b>Energy, Natural Resources and Environment Division</b>				
Energy Issues Section	48	23	25	52.1
Natural Resources Section	RB 38	24	14	36.8
	XB 12	12	-	-
Environment Coordination Unit	24	21	3	12.5
	Subtotal RB 108	68	40	37.0
	XB 12	12	-	-
<b>Social Development Issues and Policies Division</b>				
Population Section	84	58	26	31.0
Human Development Section	RB 48	36	12	25.0
	XB 12	12	-	-
Women and Development Unit	24	24	-	-
Human Settlements Section	48	46	2	4.2
	Subtotal RB 204	164	40	19.6
	XB 12	12	-	-
Statistics Division	60	60	-	-
	Total RB 785	572.5	212.5	27.1
	XB 72	60.0	12.0	16.7

\* Includes extended sick leaves, maternity leaves, study leaves, sabbaticals, leaves without pay, training, missions and other.

## **Introduction**

1. The report on progress made during 1994 in the implementation of the programme of work for the biennium 1994-1995 consists of two parts. The present document (Part I) covers activities undertaken under the regular work programme by staff members of the ESCWA secretariat, and includes the following:

(a) An overview of the performance of ESCWA by substantive subprogramme, whereby the main activities completed under each subprogramme during 1994 are summarized by topic;

(b) An annex, which lists completed activities sequentially, as they appear under the approved programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995, using the same classifications adopted throughout the United Nations system. The annex lists activities carried over from the previous biennium and those added to the current work programme during the first year of the biennium 1994-1995.

2. Part II of the report (E/ESCWA/C.1/18/4(Part II)) covers technical cooperation activities provided to ESCWA member States, upon request, by regional advisers in the secretariat. These activities are listed by country and by area.

## **OVERVIEW OF PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE DURING THE YEAR 1994**

### **A. Overall assessment**

3. The current report is an interim one and therefore cannot reflect accurately implementation rates and other data since, by definition, any output/activity delivered during the biennium is considered by Headquarters as completed, irrespective of its delivery date. At the onset of 1996, a comprehensive report on programme performance will be circulated to member States.

4. Nevertheless, table 1 below lists the total number of activities planned for the biennium 1994-1995, those activities planned for 1994, and those activities actually implemented in 1994. Table 2 lists the vacancy rate in each substantive division of the secretariat. As can be seen from table 1, 267 quantifiable activities were planned for the biennium 1994-1995, of which 117 (or 43.8 per cent) were planned for the year 1994. Of these 117 activities, 102 (or 87.2 per cent) were implemented. Moreover, one activity planned for 1995 and two activities added on the initiative of the secretariat were implemented in 1994.

5. The present report covers only the status of outputs and activities that have been completed. Those in progress will be reported on in the comprehensive report referred to in paragraph 3 above. Certain outputs are denoted as substantively completed and in press, as the related documents had been forwarded for processing, but had not yet been published at the time when this report was being prepared.

6. The three main factors that hampered the timely implementation of outputs and activities are: high vacancy rates in certain areas; non-availability of anticipated extrabudgetary resources; and change in the plans of agencies involved in joint implementation or sponsoring of certain outputs. These are the traditional constraints mentioned in past performance reports.

7. Finally, it should be noted that activities listed in this report reflect the restructured work programme for the biennium 1994-1995, which was approved by the Commission in its resolution 200 (XVII) of 31 May 1994 on the draft revision of the programme of work and priorities for the biennium 1994-1995.

Table 1. Status of implementation of ESCWA activities in 1994 by organizational units (divisions/sections)

Division/Section	Parliamentary services									Published material									Operational activities									Total					
	Parliamentary documentation			Substantive services			Recurrent publications			Non-recurrent publications			Technical material			Ad hoc expert groups			Advisory services			Group training			Field projects			A	B	C			
	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C						
<b>Economic Development Issues and Policies Division</b>																																	
Economic Issues and Policies Section	1	1	2	-	1	2	1	1	3	1	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	11			
Trade and Finance Section	-	-	-	1	1	2	2	2	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	12			
<b>Joint UNCTAD/ESCWA Unit on Transnational Corporations<sup>2</sup></b>																																	
Subtotal	1	1	2	2	3	6	3	4	9	1	2	9	-	1	2	-	1	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	11			
<b>Sectoral Issues and Policies Division</b>																																	
Industry Section	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	1	3	4 <sup>1</sup>	3	8	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	2	1	2	6	6	11	1	2	2	14	14	30
Technology Section	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3 <sup>2</sup>	2	7	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	10			
Transport Section	1 <sup>2</sup>	-	1	-	-	-	2	2	4	1	1	3	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	4	10			
Agriculture Section	-	-	-	1	1	2	2	2	4	8	13	23	-	-	-	4	4	4	-	-	2	3	4	4	4	4	8	-	-	-	19	26	44
Subtotal	1	-	1	2	2	5	5	5	11	16	19	41	-	-	-	5	5	10	1	3	5	10	10	19	1	2	2	41	46	94			
<b>Energy, Natural Resources and Environment Division</b>																																	
Energy Issues Section	-	-	1	1	1	3	1	1	2	1	1	3 <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	11			
Natural Resources Section	-	-	2	2	2	4	1	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2 <sup>2</sup>	4	4	14			
Environment Coordination Unit	2	2	2	4	4	7	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	12			
Subtotal	2	2	5	7	7	14	2	2	4	1	1	6	-	-	-	1	2	5	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	2	13	14	37			
<b>Social Development Issues and Policies Division</b>																																	
Population Section	1	1	1	3	3	3	1	1	3	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	12			

**Table 1. (continued)**

Division/Section	Parliamentary services						Published material						Operational activities						Total											
	Parliamentary documentation			Substantive services			Recurrent publications		Non-recurrent publications		Technical material		Ad hoc expert groups			Advisory services			Group training			Field projects								
	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C			
Human Development Section	-	-	2	3	3	5	2	3	6	3	3	5	-	-	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	12	13	25
Women and Development Unit	1	1	2	1	2	4	-	1	3	1	1	2	-	-	1	3	3	3	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	7	9	18
Human Settlements Section <sup>2</sup>	-	-	2	3	3	7	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	2	-	1	1	1	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	6	8	25
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>80</b>
Statistics Division	-	-	1	1	1	2	3	3	7	2	2	2	2	2	5	-	-	-	1	1	2	2	2	3	-	-	-	11	11	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>267</b>

Notes: A = number of actually implemented activities in 1994.

B = Number of planned activities in 1994.

C = Number of activities planned for the biennium 1994-1995.

a/

b/ Activities brought forward from 1995.

c/ One of these studies was added on the initiative of the secretariat and implemented.

d/ One of these field projects was added on the initiative of the secretariat; it was started in 1993 and reported as an additional activity for that biennium, but was inadvertently not included in the work programme for 1994-1995.

Totals for the Human Settlements Section include Information materials and services as follows:

Newsletters			Competitions			Exhibitions			Total		
A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
-	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	6



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	<b>Subtotal RB</b> 144	<b>96</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>33.3</b>
	XB 12	12	-	-
<b>Sectoral Issues and Policies Division</b>				
Industry Section	96	66.5	29.5	30.7
Technology Section	36	24.0	12.0	33.3
Transport Section	63	39.0	24.0	38.1
Agriculture Section	RB 72	55	17	23.6
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	XB 36	36.0	-	-
<b>Energy, Natural Resources and Environment Division</b>				
Energy Issues Section	48	24	24	50.0
Natural Resources Section	RB 38	24	14	36.8
	XB 12	12	-	-
Environment Coordination Unit	12	9	3	-
	<b>Subtotal RB</b> 98	<b>57</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>41.8</b>
	XB 12	12	-	-
<b>Social Development Issues and Policies Division</b>				
Population Section	84	58	26	31.0
Human Development Section	RB 48	36	12	25.0
	XB 12	12	-	-
Women and Development Unit	24	24	-	-
Human Settlements Section	48	46	2	4.2
	<b>Subtotal RB</b> 204	<b>164</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>19.6</b>
	XB 12	12	-	-
<b>Statistics Division</b>	60	60	-	-
	<b>Total RB</b> 773	<b>561.5</b>	<b>211.5</b>	<b>27.4</b>
	XB 72	72.0	-	-

\* Includes extended sick leaves, maternity leaves, study leaves, sabbaticals, leaves without pay, training, missions and others.

## **B. Overview by subprogramme**

### **Subprogramme 1. Management of natural resources and environment**

8. Under this subprogramme, the secretariat continued to publish its annual ESCWA Energy Bulletin. In 1994, it also issued publications on Energy Information in the ESCWA Region and Wildlife Conservation for Sustainable Development in Arab Countries. An assessment of the development of the fisheries sector in the United Arab Emirates will be published. A report on the progress made in the ESCWA plan to implement Agenda 21 in the region (E/ESCWA/17/4(Part I)/Add.10) was presented to the Commission at its seventeenth session before submission to the Commission on Sustainable Development. A similar report will also be presented to the Commission at the eighteenth session of ESCWA (see E/ESCWA/C.1/18/4(Part I)/Add.2).

9. The Expert Group Meeting on Review of Programmes of Regional Organizations Active in the Field of Water Resources was held in Amman from 12 to 14 September 1994; in addition, a field project on assessment of water resources in the ESCWA region by using remote sensing techniques is being carried out.

### **Subprogramme 2. Improvement of the quality of life**

10. Under this subprogramme, the ESCWA secretariat organized an expert group meeting on the Arab Declaration on Social Development. The meeting was held in Amman from 19 to 22 September 1994. Following the meeting, the ESCWA secretariat completed the preparation of the Declaration for presentation to the Council of Arab Ministers of Social Affairs.

11. ESCWA continued to publish the annual Population Bulletin. It also issued (in Arabic) the proceedings of the expert group meeting on unemployment in Western Asia; a study entitled The Impact of Crisis on the Social Situation in the ESCWA Region; and a report to the Commission at its eighteenth session on follow-up action on the International Conference on Population and Development (see E/ESCWA/C.1/18/6).

12. In the area of women and development, the ESCWA secretariat held the Arab Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Fourth World Conference on Women in Amman from 6 to 10 November 1994. The Meeting adopted the Arab Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women to the Year 2005. In preparation for the Meeting, nine national workshops were held in selected ESCWA member countries to review the national plans of action in the light of the national reports on the situation of women prepared for the Fourth World Conference on Women. In addition, the ESCWA Regional Seminar on the Role of the Family in Integrating Disabled Women into Society was held in Amman from 16 to 18 October 1994.

13. ESCWA publications on women issued in 1994—in addition to the above-mentioned Arab Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women to the Year 2005—included: Review and Assessment of the Progress achieved for the Advancement of Arab Women in the light of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies; Arab Women in the Manufacturing Industries; a report to the Commission at its eighteenth session (E/ESCWA/C.1/18/6) which covers, *inter alia*, the preparations for the Arab Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Fourth World Conference on Women; and Participation of Women in Manufacturing: Patterns, Determinants and Future Trends; Regional Analysis, ESCWA Region.

14. In the area of human settlements, ESCWA co-organized and participated in the First Arab Preparatory Meeting for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), held in Amman from 21 to 25 October 1994.

23 March 1994. In June 1994, the secretariat completed activities on the second phase of the thematic competition: The autonomous village, alternative human settlements planning and design techniques.

15. Other meetings held under this subprogramme in 1994 were the Western Asia Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Ninth World Congress on Crime Prevention and the Treatment of Offenders, held in Amman from 20 to 24 March, and the Expert Group Meeting on the Arab Family in a Changing Society: A New Concept for Partnership, held in Abu Dhabi from 10 to 14 December.

16. In 1994, ESCWA continued the development and maintenance of statistical databases on social indicators and the labour force. It also continued to provide its member States with advisory services in the area of household surveys and issued a new statistical publication on Arab Women in ESCWA Member States.

### **Subprogramme 3. Economic development and cooperation**

17. In the industry sector, ESCWA published the Proceedings of the Expert Group Meeting on Creation of Indigenous Entrepreneurship and Opportunities for Small- and Medium-scale Industrial Investments. In addition, ESCWA continued its regional advisory services on assistance in improving the performance and competitiveness of existing industries in ESCWA member countries. Furthermore, a pilot workshop on upgrading entrepreneurial skills of managers of small- and medium-scale enterprises under conditions of rapid change was held in Amman from 14 to 20 September 1994.

18. Activities in technology carried out in 1994 included the publication of the Report on Activities in the ESCWA Region related to the Protection of the Ozone Layer, and the Proceedings of the Second Arab Conference on Perspectives of Modern Biotechnology. In addition, the secretariat published proceedings of two other workshops: Proceedings of the Workshop on the Implications of New and Advanced Materials Technologies for the Economies of the ESCWA Countries; and Proceedings of the Workshop on the Integration of Science and Technology in the Development Planning and Management Process in the ESCWA Region.

19. Under the transport sector, ESCWA continued to publish its annual Transport Bulletin. It also issued the Report on the Follow-up Action pertaining to the Implementation of the ESCWA Transport and Communications Decade. Other studies published in 1994 include: Development of Free Zones in the ESCWA Region; the development of the telecommunications sector in the ESCWA region (in Arabic); and A Report on the Present Status, Development Trends and Future Prospects of Telecommunications in the ESCWA Region. In addition, the secretariat held the Ad Hoc Expert Group Meeting on Maritime Hydrographic Surveying and Nautical Charting in Amman and Aqaba from 8 to 12 May 1994.

20. Activities under the agriculture sector focused on land and water policies, the impact of international regional trade, rural development, wildlife conservation and policy analysis. ESCWA continued to issue its annual publication Agriculture and Development in Western Asia, and it prepared the National Farm Data Handbook, Syrian Arab Republic, 1994. Other publications issued by the secretariat were: Land and Water Policies in the Near East Region: Case-studies on Egypt, Jordan and Pakistan; The Marketing of Agricultural Products in Lebanon; and Evaluation of Agricultural Policies in the Syrian Arab Republic (Policy Analysis Matrix Approach).

21. The Expert Group Meeting on Integrated Development of Drylands in the ESCWA Region was held in Aleppo, Syrian Arab Republic, from 10 to 13 November 1994. Other ad hoc expert group meetings

included the Expert Consultation on Sustainable Agricultural and Rural Development, held in Cairo from 25 to 29 September 1994; the Expert Consultation on the Impact of a Changing International Trade Environment on Agricultural Trade in the Near East Region, held at Nicosia from 5 to 7 December 1994; and the Expert Consultation on Agricultural Risk Management, held in Amman from 31 October to 2 November 1994. The National Training Workshop on Monitoring and Evaluation of Rural Development Projects was held in Amman from 2 to 6 October 1994; the Regional Training of Trainers Workshop on Food and Agriculture Policy Analysis was held in Cairo from 6 to 17 November 1994; and the Near East Regional "Training of Trainers" Workshop on Project Planning and Environmental Considerations was held in Amman from 4 to 15 September 1994. In addition, the National Training Workshop on Agricultural Policy Analysis and Farm Management in the Syrian Arab Republic was held in Damascus from 2 to 20 October 1994.

22. This subprogramme coordinated the issuance of the annual Survey of Economic and Social Developments in the ESCWA Region, which considered, *inter alia*, the impact of economic reform policies in Egypt, Jordan and Lebanon. The Analytical Review of Developments and Issues in the External Trade and Payments Situation of Countries of Western Asia and the Review of Developments and Trends in the Monetary and Financial Sectors in the ESCWA Region, 1993 were also published.

23. In the area of transnational corporations, ESCWA provided inputs into the report of the UNCTAD Division on Transnational Corporations and Investment on activities of the Joint Units submitted to the twentieth session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations, held in Geneva from 2 to 11 May 1994; and the reports submitted at the seventeenth session of ESCWA, held in Amman from 29 to 31 May 1994.

24. In 1994, ESCWA continued the development and maintenance of statistical databases on the labour force and industry. It also continued to provide its member States with advisory services in the areas of national accounts, economic statistics, data processing and household surveys.

25. The secretariat continued to publish its annual Statistical Abstract of the ESCWA Region, and its National Accounts Studies of the ESCWA Region. It also published one biennial publication, the External Trade Bulletin of the ESCWA Region, and issued one new publication in Arabic on the proceedings of the Western Asia Workshop on Strategies for Accelerating the Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems. The Workshop on the implementation of the 1993 System of National Accounts was held in Amman from 12 to 19 December 1994. The Workshop on Industrial Statistics was held in Damascus from 26 November to 6 December 1994.

26. This subprogramme has been designated as the ESCWA focal point for policies and measures to reduce income disparities and alleviate poverty in selected ESCWA member countries.

#### **Subprogramme 4. Regional developments and global changes**

27. The work under this subprogramme centred on continuing and strengthening cooperation with international, regional and governmental organizations, such as the Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics and the European Community. Activities were also coordinated with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) through participation in its meetings.

**Subprogramme 5. Special programmes and issues**

28. Under this subprogramme, input was provided by the Joint UNCTAD/ESCWA Unit on Transnational Corporations into the statement of the Executive Secretary of ESCWA on the role of ESCWA in the occupied Palestinian territories, for the Secretary-General's report to the inter-agency meeting on the future activities and mode of operations of the United Nations system in the occupied Palestinian territories, held in New York on 29 and 30 June 1994. In addition, the subprogramme issued the following publications: Prospective Development of the Agricultural Institutions in the Occupied Palestinian Territories; Project Proposal for the Rehabilitation of the Fishery Sector in the Gaza Strip; and Rehabilitation of Veterinary Services in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

29. Training of trainers workshops on how to start a business in war-torn areas were held in the occupied Palestinian territories (Bethlehem, Gaza, Nablus) and in Beirut.

Annex**LIST OF ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED IN 1994****SUBPROGRAMME 1. MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT**

Activity No.	Title	Date due (quarter) 1994	Status of implementation/modifications
1	<u>International cooperation</u>		
1 (a)	<u>External relations</u>	Continuous	<p><u>LAS</u> Participated in the Industrial Pollution Committee of the LAS/CAMRE workshop on the environmental impact of industries in the Arab region (Cairo, 27-29 June 1994) to finalize and adopt the technical report prepared by the LAS on the assessment of major industrial pollution in the Arab region as guidelines for reduction of industrial emissions and wastes in 50 major industries in the Arab region.</p> <p><u>CAMRE</u> In the context of ongoing coordination, discussed with the Technical Secretariat of CAMRE issues and agenda for the second meeting of the Joint Committee on Environment and Development in the Arab Region (JCEDAR). Elaborated on the following issues for inclusion in the fifth meeting of CAMRE: (i) Decision II/4 entitled "Illegal Traffic in Hazardous Wastes and other Wastes" adopted by the Second Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (Geneva, 21-25 March 1994). (ii) Assessment of decisions taken by UNCED (Rio de Janeiro, June 1992), particularly issues related to the transfer of technology, the carbon tax and financial resources to implement Agenda 21.</p>

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Activity No.	Title	Date due (quarter) 1994	Status of implementation/modifications
2	<b><u>Parliamentary services</u></b>		<p><u>CEDARE</u></p> <p>(i) Met with the secretariat of CEDARE to coordinate work on:</p> <p>a. Preparation of a draft memorandum of understanding between CEDARE and ESCWA;</p> <p>b. Financial support by CEDARE for the following ESCWA activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A regional expert group meeting (EGM) in preparation for Habitat II;</li> <li>- Allocation of \$13,000 for the ESCWA activity on convening the expert group meeting on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) (September 1995).</li> </ul> <p>(ii) Coordinated with the Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA) and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (Foundation) on their financial and technical contributions toward convening the above-mentioned EGM.</p> <p>(iii) ESCWA participated in the CEDARE meeting held in Cairo in September 1994, and presented a paper on National Environmental Action Plans (NEAP) setting national objectives and policy instruments for implementing NEAP, including monitoring. The paper also includes an annex on strategies for sustainable development as reflected in Agenda 21.</p>
2 (a)	<b><u>Parliamentary documentation</u></b>		Report to the Commission on:

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2 a (i)	Progress made in the ESCWA plan to implement Agenda 21 in the region for submission to the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD)	2	<b>Completed</b> E/ESCWA/17/4(Part I)/Add.10 20 April 1994. Presented to the ESCWA Commission at its seventeenth session owing to the need for its approval before submitting the document to CSD.
2 a (ii)	Progress made in the ESCWA plan to implement Agenda 21 in the region for submission to the Commission on Sustainable Development.		<b>Completed</b> E/ESCWA/C.1/18/4(Part I)/Add.2 1 February 1995.
2 (b)	<b>Substantive services</b>		
2 b (i)	Participation in the Committee on Natural Resources (CNR)	Continuous	ESCWA participated in the second session of CNR, 22 February - 4 March 1994.
2 b (ii)	Participation in the Fifth Arab Energy Conference	Continuous	Participated in the Conference (7-10 May 1994) and presented a paper on the "Prospects of new and renewable energy in the ESCWA region".
2 b (iii)	Participation in the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD)	1	<b>Completed</b> Did not attend as CSD meeting coincided with the seventeenth session of the ESCWA Commission. However, the ESCWA report to the CSD highlighted the secretariat's implementation of Agenda 21. Furthermore, ESCWA contributed to most thematic reports prepared by United Nations entities for submission to the third session of the CSD (April 1995). Participation took place 21-23 September 1994.



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		1994	
2 b (iv)	Participation in the ACC subcommittee on water resources	Continuous	Participation took place on 21-23 September 1994. Topics focused on: (i) updating of the assessment of water resources at the global level, with a special role by all regional commissions; and (ii) items related to water resources in the decisions of the CSD.
2 b (v)	Participation in the Joint Committee on Environment and Development in the Arab Region	Continuous	(Cairo, October 1994). (i) Reports prepared for submission to the annual meeting of JCEDAR reflecting the priorities of the Commission in implementing regional components of Agenda 21. Furthermore, discussed joint activities on environmental information and a database and planned activities for 1995. (ii) Discussed with staff of EEAA, upon their request, their potential contribution to and participation in the ESCWA activities for 1995, particularly indicators on sustainability, and their participation in activities for the EGM on Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) planned for 1995. (iii) Discussed with the Council of Arab Economic Unity possibilities of combining the ESCWA activity on sustainability of indicators (1995) with their planned activity on integrated environmental data and indicators.

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2 b (vi)	Participation in the Council of Arab Ministers Responsible for Environment (CAMRE) and Ministerial-level Conference on Environment	Continuous	<p><u>LAS</u></p> <p>(i) Attended the Sixth Arab Ministerial Conference on Environment (Cairo, December 1994), which reviewed planned activities for 1994-1995, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Assessment of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) and the position of the Arab countries regarding implementation of Agenda 21;</li> <li>b. Areas of environmental cooperation between the European Community and LAS;</li> <li>c. Exchange of information regarding ships carrying materials that could do potential environmental damage to the Arab countries;</li> <li>d. The role of NGOs in supporting Agenda 21.</li> </ul> <p>(ii) Attended the Symposium on the World Bank's Environmental Strategy for the Middle East and North Africa: Towards Sustainable Development, which was organized by the World Bank, EEAA and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and held in Cairo, 7 December 1994.</p>

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2 b (vii)	Inputs into reports of the Secretary General, report to the Economic and Social Council and reports of other United Nations organizations as required	Continuous	(i) As per request of the ASG, Office of Internal Oversight Services (October 1994), submitted a report on ESCWA activities related to environment for the period 1992-1993. (ii) As per request of USG for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development (DPCSD) (November 1994), presented comments on the functioning of the Inter-Agency Committee on Sustainable Development. (iii) Various contributions to Task Managers reports on sectoral issues of Agenda 21. (iv) Contributions to UNEP/Inter-Agency Environment Coordination Group (IAEG). (v) Contribution to DPCSD on ESCWA views on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Joint Inspection Unit regarding "Assessment of the Environmental Focus of Projects Financed by UNDP and other United Nations agencies".
3	<b><u>Published materials</u></b>		
3 (a)	<b><u>Recurrent publications</u></b>		
3 a (i)	ESCWA Energy Bulletin	4	<b><u>Substantively completed</u></b> (In press) E/ESCWA/NR/1994/20 12 March 1995
3 (b)	<b><u>Non-recurrent publications</u></b>		
3 b (i)	Assessment of the development of the fisheries sector in selected ESCWA member countries		<b><u>Terminated</u></b> Owing to withdrawal of FAO.

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Activity No.	Title	Date due (quarter) 1994	Status of implementation/modifications
3 b (ii)	Wildlife conservation for sustainable development in Arab countries	4	<b><u>Completed</u></b> E/ESCWA/AGR/1994/11 3 January 1995
3 b (iii)	Assessment of the development of the fisheries sector in the United Arab Emirates	4	<b><u>Substantively completed</u></b> Finalization pending receipt of comments from the United Arab Emirates.
3 (c)	<b><u>Technical material</u></b>		
3 c (i)	Development and maintenance of database on environment statistics (in cooperation with the Environment Coordination Unit [ECU])		<b><u>Terminated</u></b> Terminated for this biennium inasmuch as the post on environment statistics which was planned in order to carry out this activity did not materialize.

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4	<b><u>Coordination and harmonization liaison</u></b>	Continuous	<p>(i) At the policy level, ESCWA participates in reviews of reports prepared by UNEP and other United Nations entities for submission to their respective governing councils or the CSD.</p> <p>(ii) ESCWA has increased its participation in various inter-agency coordination activities of JCEDAR, which includes in its membership entities such as UNEP, UNDP, ECA, UNESCO, FAO and WHO. Such coordination focuses on joint implementation of the regional priorities of Agenda 21.</p>
	<p>Coordination of activities is envisaged with the other regional commissions, the Department of Development Support and Management Services, the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), especially the Committee for Science and Technology, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World Health Organization (WHO), the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the United Nations University (UNU), the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (CDS) the Committee on Natural Resources and Renewable Sources of Energy, the ACC Subcommittee on Water Resources and other regional and international organizations concerned with regional and global environmental issues and the implementation of Agenda 21 (e.g. Basel Convention on Climatic Change).</p>		

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Activity No.	Title	Date due (quarter) 1994	Status of implementation/modifications
	Participation in and coordination with the Commission for Science and Technology for Development		<u>DPCSD</u> Prepared and coordinated input to the Secretary-General's report on the implementation of chapter 34 of Agenda 21. Participated in the DPCSD Inter-agency meeting on "Transfer of Environmentally Sound Technology, Cooperation and Capacity-Building", Vienna, September 1994.
			<u>UNEP</u> Contributed to the Task Manager's Report on chapter 15 of Agenda 21 on biological diversity (February and October 1994).
			Contributed to current and planned UNEP activities at the international level on cleaner production methods and waste minimization within the framework of the Basel Convention.
			Contributed to the Task Manager's/ DPCSD report for the meeting on chapter 19 of Agenda 21 regarding the decision taken by the Commission on Sustainable Development at its second meeting in May 1994.

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Activity No.	Title	Date due (quarter) 1994	Status of implementation/modifications
5	<u>Additional activities</u>		
5 (a)	<u>Published material</u>		
5 a (i)	<u>Non-recurrent publications</u>		
	Energy information in the ESCWA region	4	<p><u>Completed</u>            E/ESCWA/NR/1994/14            14 August 1994            This output, added at the initiative of the secretariat, was undertaken in connection with a project financed from extrabudgetary resources.</p>
5 (b)	<u>Operational activities</u>		
5 b (i)	<u>Field project</u>		
	Assessment of water resources by using remote sensing techniques in the ESCWA region (XB)		<p><u>In progress</u>            The project was started in 1993 and is financed from extrabudgetary resources.</p>

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		1994	
1	<b><u>International cooperation</u></b>		
1 (a)	<b><u>External relations</u></b>		
	Coordination will be strengthened with the relevant bodies of the League of Arab States (LAS) and its specialized agencies, especially the Arab Labour Organization (ALO), the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development (AFESD) and the Council of Arab Ministers for Housing and Reconstruction; with regional organizations such as the Arab Gulf Fund for United Nations Development Organizations (AGFUND) and the Center of Arab Women for Training and Research (CAWTAR) in Tunis; and other relevant regional and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs).	Continuous	<u>LAS Department of Women and Family Affairs</u> (Cairo, April/May and November 1994) Agreement was reached between the ESCWA Women and Development Unit and the Department of Women and Family Affairs of LAS to cooperate in preparing for the Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing, September 1995) and for the International Year of the Family (IYF) as follows: (1) ESCWA participated in the LAS Meeting on the Arab Family, Cairo, 3-5 May 1994. (2) LAS promised to provide ESCWA with national reports on the situation of women in nine non-ESCWA African Arab countries (not yet received). (3) LAS co-sponsored the Arab Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Fourth World Conference on Women, Amman, 6-10 November 1994. The Regional Preparatory Meeting was organized and convened by ESCWA in collaboration with LAS and CAWTAR and hosted by the Jordanian National Committee for Women. (4) ESCWA co-chaired the nineteenth session of the LAS Commission on Women, Cairo, 28-30 November 1994, and presented the Arab Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women to the Year 2005 adopted by the High-level Segment of the above-mentioned Regional Preparatory Meeting. (5) LAS participated in the ESCWA Expert Group Meeting on the Arab Family in a Changing Society: a New Concept for Partnership, Abu Dhabi, 10-14 December 1994.



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		1994	
			<p>Coordination with LAS in preparation for the draft of the Arab Declaration on Social Development (mission to Egypt, 16-20 October 1994).</p> <p>(Vienna, July 1994)</p> <p>An ESCWA representative attended the United Nations/League of Arab States Sectoral Meeting on Human Resources Development in Rural Areas (Vienna, 14-15 July 1994); the need was emphasized for further cooperation and coordination between the United Nations and LAS agencies in all fields of common interest, especially in the area of human resources development in rural areas, with particular focus on the need to identify the priorities in joint programmes and an appropriate mechanism for follow-up and future action.</p> <p>Coordinated with LAS and the Ministry of Public Works and Housing in Jordan in organizing the First Arab Preparatory Meeting for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (March 1994) and with the Ministry of Public Works and Housing in the United Arab Emirates in organizing the Second Arab Preparatory Meeting for Habitat II (9-12 October 1994). Also coordinated with LAS in organizing the ESCWA regional expert group meeting in preparation for Habitat II (January 1995) and on publication of a newsletter in Arabic on human settlements in the Arab world (1995).</p>

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Activity No.	Title	Date due (quarter) 1994	Status of implementation/ modifications
			<p><u>CAWTAR</u> (Tunis, March/April 1994 and Amman, September 1994)</p> <p>CAWTAR signed a tentative letter of understanding which identified main areas of cooperation, namely preparations for the Fourth World Conference on Women; provision of technical assistance by the ESCWA Statistics Division to CAWTAR to establish a statistical database on Arab women; and provision of funding by CAWTAR to undertake the analysis of trends in the ESCWA publication (in Arabic) "Arab women in ESCWA member States: statistics, indicators and trends" (E/ESCWA/STAT/1994/17) to be submitted to the Fourth World Conference on Women in September 1995.</p> <p>A joint plan of action has been established for the short and medium term and the following activities were implemented to cover all 22 Arab countries: (1) CAWTAR co-sponsored the Arab Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing) and co-financed the participation of experts. (2) CAWTAR provided funding for consultancy fees to expand the scope of the ESCWA study <u>Review and Assessment of the Progress Achieved for the Advancement of Arab Women in the Light of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies</u>, to be submitted at the Beijing Conference. (3) ESCWA assisted CAWTAR in translating into Arabic five modules of the INSTRAW (United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women) Gender Training Portfolio.</p> <p><u>ALO</u></p> <p>ESCWA representatives attended the first Arab preparatory meeting for the World Summit for Social Development (Cairo, 9-10 April 1994). Objectives of the meeting were to establish a common technical ground among the experts in order to maximize the utilization of the various available expertise and to reach agreement on the organizational plans.</p>

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			<p><u>The World Bank</u> An agreement was reached between ESCWA and the World Bank Population and Human Resources Division to coordinate two studies on poverty in Lebanon that were being carried out separately by each organization.</p> <p><u>PASSAGES</u> (NGO based in Madrid) Participated in the Middle East Women's Forum for Peace, Madrid, 29-30 April 1994.</p>
	Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Arab School of Science and Technology in the Syrian Arab Republic and the International Development Research Centre, Canada.	2	Jointly published <u>Proceedings of the Expert Group Meeting on Creation of Indigenous Entrepreneurship and Opportunities for Small- and Medium-scale Industrial Investment.</u>
	Friedrich Ebert Foundation and the Economic Research Forum (Cairo)	2&3	Cooperated in holding two concurrent ad hoc expert group meetings on entrepreneurial and managerial skills under changing conditions, and on industrial strategies and policies in the context of changing regional and international environment.
	Cooperation with ESCWA member States on the preparation of statistics to be included in national reports for the Fourth World Conference on Women		Conducted three missions to Egypt, Qatar and the Syrian Arab Republic to assist in identifying social indicators related to women in development.

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2	<b><u>Parliamentary services</u></b>		
2 (a)	<b><u>Parliamentary documentation</u></b>		
2 a (i)	Report to the Commission on follow-up action on the International Conference on Population and Development	4	<b><u>Completed</u></b> Included in E/ESCWA/C.1/18/6 (May 1995) Document was completed in 1994 but received a 1995 symbol number owing to the fact that it is to be presented to the Commission at its eighteenth session in 1995 and will be distributed with the session documents.
2 a (ii)	Report to the Commission on preparations for the Arab Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Fourth World Conference on Women		<b><u>Completed</u></b> Included in E/ESCWA/C.1/18/6 (May 1995)
2 (b)	<b><u>Substantive services</u></b>		
2 b (i)	Participation in the 1994 ACC Subcommittee on Demographic Estimates and Projections (New York, 28-30 June 1994)	1	<b><u>Completed</u></b> Substantive contribution only. ESCWA could not participate owing to lack of resources; submitted comments on agenda item 4 of the meeting: "Recent activities and plans related to sectoral estimates and projections".
2 b (ii)	Preparations for the Arab Declaration on Social Development to be presented to the Council of Arab Ministers of Social Affairs	4	<b><u>Completed</u></b> No identifier The Declaration, meant to be a draft for consideration by Arab countries, was prepared by ESCWA and circulated to ESCWA member States for comments in November 1994.
2 b (iii)	Preparations for the First Arab Preparatory Meeting for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)	1	<b><u>Completed</u></b> Co-organized (with LAS, Habitat and the Ministry of Housing in Jordan) and participated in the First Arab Preparatory Meeting for Habitat II (Amman, 21-23 March 1994); presented a paper on development of human settlements in the Arab region: indicators for a framework for regional guidelines.

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Activity No.	Title	Date due (quarter)		Status of implementation/ modifications
		1994		
2 b (iv)	Preparations for the Second Arab Preparatory Meeting for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II).	3		<b><u>Completed</u></b> Mission to Abu Dhabi, 7-13 October 1994. Presentation of a paper on preparatory activities of ESCWA for Habitat II and a thematic paper on popular participation as a means for securing sustainable urban development. Cooperating organizations: Ministry of Public Works and Housing, the United Arab Emirates; LAS, ESCWA and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS) (Habitat).
2 b (v)	Participation in the ACC Subcommittee on Rural Development	Continuous		<b><u>Completed</u></b> ESCWA participated in the Subcommittee's twenty-second meeting, Rome, 11-13 May 1994.
2 b (vi)	Participation in the preparatory meeting for the World Summit for Social Development	3		<b><u>Completed</u></b> Attended the meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Social Development in New York (22 August - 3 September 1994) at which the "Draft proclamation and draft work programme" was fully discussed.
2 b (vii)	Participation in the preparatory meeting for the Fourth World Conference on Women	4		<b><u>Completed</u></b> (a) As the regional focal point for the Fourth World Conference on Women, participated in the Inter-Sessional Working Group of the Commission on the Status of Women (New York, 10-14 January 1994) on the structure of a draft platform for action for submission to the thirty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women in March 1994; (b) Nine National Workshops were undertaken in selected ESCWA member countries to review the national plans of action in the light of the national reports on the situation of women. They were organized in collaboration with the Joint National Preparatory Committees for the 1995 Beijing Conference as follows: Oman (7-9 May 1994), Qatar (10-12 May 1994), the United Arab Emirates (14-15 May 1994), Bahrain (4-7 July 1994), Jordan (6-7 July 1994), Syrian Arab Republic (9-11 July 1994), Yemen (27-28 August 1994), Palestine (26-29 September 1994); Lebanon (5-7 September 1994, part A, and 4-5 October 1994, part B) (RB/XB).

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<b>Activity No.</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date due (quarter) 1994</b>	<b>Status of implementation/ modifications</b>
2 b (viii)	Participation in the preparatory meeting for Habitat II	2	<b><u>Completed</u></b> Mission to Geneva, 11-22 April 1994, to participate in the first session of the Preparatory Committee for Habitat II. Coordination with the Arab Group and representatives of the regional commissions was undertaken.
2 b (ix)	Participation in the United Nations Commission on Population		March/April 1994 The ESCWA work programme in the field of population was presented to the Commission to identify areas of joint interest and cooperation.
2 b (x)	Inputs into reports of the Secretary General, the Economic and Social Council and other United Nations organizations as required	Continuous	(a) Input into the Secretary-General's reports on:  - Agenda 21 (input was made 16 October 1994); - Social welfare issues.  (b) United Nations Office at Vienna report on drug abuse and illicit traffic.
3	<b><u>Published materials</u></b>		
3 (a)	<b><u>Recurrent publications</u></b>		
3 a (i)	Population and Social Development Bulletin (No. 41/42)	3	<b><u>Reformulated and issued</u></b> Reformulated into the "Population Bulletin of ESCWA" as the Bulletin has been reduced in scope to cover population only since social issues will be covered under a newly introduced activity: "Survey of the Social Situation in Western Asia". - This edition of the Population Bulletin will carry No. 41/42 for the following reasons: The Population Bulletin is usually prepared in the calendar year which it covers. However, as a result of the Gulf crisis in 1990 and the ESCWA move from Baghdad in 1991, the bulletins for 1990 and 1991 were issued in 1992. This fact, compounded by the vacancy situation in the Population Section, also caused the bulletins for 1992 and 1993 to be prepared the year after. The Population Section redressed this problem in 1994; thus, this double issue covers the activities of 1993 and 1994.

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			1994	
3 (b)	<b><u>Non-recurrent publications</u></b>			
3 b (i)	Impact of emergency situations and crises in the region on Arab women: the feminization of poverty			<b><u>Completed</u></b> E/ESCWA/SD/1994/4 Retitled "Women and Poverty in the ESCWA Region: Issues and Concerns" This activity was brought forward from 1995; input into a study entitled "Poverty in Western Asia: extent and measures for its alleviation".
3 b (ii)	Disabled women in the ESCWA region: present situation and prospects for their social integration	3		<b><u>Substantively completed</u></b> E/ESCWA/SD/1994/WG.1/2/Rev.1 (In press) Retitled "The situation of disabled women, their marginalization and measures for social integration in the ESCWA region".
3 b (iii)	Regional plan of action for women and development	3		<b><u>Completed</u></b> E/ESCWA/SD/1994/9 March 1995 Retitled "Arab Plan of Action for the Advancement of Women to the Year 2005" (A/E).
3 b (iv)	Final Report of Experts on Unemployment in ESCWA Countries (Amman, 26-29 July 1993) (XB)	2		<b><u>Completed</u></b> E/ESCWA/POP/1994/2 24 February 1994
3 b (v)	Proceedings of the Expert Group Meeting on Human Development in the Arab World (Cairo, 6-9 December 1993) (XB)	4		<b><u>Substantively completed</u></b> Arabic version published; English version to be issued.
3 b (vi)	Women in the ESCWA region: trends and statistics	4		<b><u>Completed</u></b> E/ESCWA/STAT/1994/17 (in Arabic) October 1994 Retitled: "Arab women in ESCWA member States: statistics, indicators and trends".

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3 b (vii)	Assessment and evaluation of agricultural extension/rural financial institutions in the occupied Palestinian territories		<b><u>Terminated</u></b> Owing to duplication with another activity.
3 b (viii)	Study on participation of women in manufacturing industries, patterns, determinants and future trends in the ESCWA region, in preparation for the Fourth World Conference on Women (a joint ESCWA/UNIDO study)		<b><u>Completed</u></b> English draft published; Arabic version to be issued. Retitled "Participation of women in manufacturing: patterns, determinants and future trends; regional analysis, ESCWA region".
3 b (ix)	Proceedings of the Expert Group Meeting on Creation of Indigenous Entrepreneurship and Opportunities for Small- and Medium-scale Industrial Investment		<b><u>Completed</u></b> E/ESCWA/ID/1994/1 24 February 1994
3 (c)	<b><u>Technical material</u></b>		
3 c (i)	Development and maintenance of databases on labour force statistics		<b><u>First phase completed</u></b> E/ESCWA/STAT/1994/16 July 1994 User reference manual prepared and distributed.
4	<b><u>Ad hoc expert groups</u></b>		
4 (a)	Expert Group Meeting on the Arab Declaration on Social Development (in collaboration with LAS (ALO, ALECSO and AFESD), AGFUND, UNDP and ILO (RB/XB)	3	<b><u>Completed</u></b> Amman, 19-22 September 1994



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		1994		
4 (b)	Western Asia Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (in collaboration with the United Nations Office at Vienna)	2		<b><u>Completed</u></b> Amman, 20-24 March 1994
4 (c)	Women and development (RB/XB)	3		<b><u>Completed</u></b> Amman, 6-8 November 1994 Convened in conjunction with: the Arab Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Fourth World Conference on Women: Peace for the Advancement of Arab Women, which was held in two segments: the first segment of the Meeting, followed by the high-level segment held on 9 and 10 November 1994.
4 (d)	The Arab family in a changing society (RB/XB)	3		<b><u>Completed</u></b> Retitled "Expert Group Meeting on the Arab Family in a Changing Society: A New Concept for Partnership", Abu Dhabi, 10-14 December 1994.
4 (e)	Arab Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Fourth World Conference on Women			<b><u>Completed</u></b> Amman 9-10 November 1994 High-level Segment of the Arab Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Fourth World Conference on Women: Peace for the Advancement of Arab Women, in collaboration with LAS and CAWTAR.
4 (f)	Expert Group Consultation on Sustainable Agricultural and Rural Development (XB/RB)			<b><u>Completed</u></b> Cairo, 25-29 September 1994

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		1994		
5	<b><u>Information material and services</u></b>			
5 (a)	Second phase of the competition on the theme of The autonomous village: alternative human settlements planning and design techniques, with a meeting of judges and selection of alternative human settlements planning and design	2		<b><u>Completed</u></b> Amman, 5-8 June 1994
5 (b)	Exhibition on environmentally sustainable settlement planning and design techniques	2		<b><u>Completed</u></b> Amman, 5-8 June 1994
6	<b><u>Operational activities</u></b>			
6 (a)	<b><u>Advisory services</u></b>			
6 a (i)	Assisting Governments in preparing national human development reports, in collaboration with UNDP (XB);	Continuous		Assisted the Lebanese Government in preparing its national report and prepared a project document on a regional project for Arab States.
6 a (ii)	Human settlements development, with particular reference to upgrading and revitalizing secondary settlements and deteriorated urban areas, and promotion of non-handicapping environment for disabled people	Continuous		<b><u>Lebanon</u></b> Three missions were undertaken to Beirut in 1994 to provide technical assistance in the field of accessibility for the disabled in the urban environment; advice was given on methods for the handling of this issue in the Beirut central district and in Lebanon in general;  <b><u>Yemen</u></b> One mission was undertaken in which technical assistance was given to the Ministry of Housing and Urban Planning on the upgrading of secondary settlements.
6 a (iii)	Backstopping of advisory services in social statistics and household surveys (XB/RB)	Continuous		Backstopping of eight missions undertaken by regional advisers.

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		1994		
6 (b)	<b><u>Group training/workshops</u></b>			
6 b (i)	ESCWA Regional Seminar on the Role of the Family in Integrating Disabled Women into Society (XB)	4		<b><u>Completed</u></b> Amman, 16-18 October 1994
6 b (ii)	National Training Workshop on Monitoring and Evaluation of Rural Development Projects (XB)			<b><u>Completed</u></b> Amman, 2-6 October 1994
6 b (iii)	Pilot workshop in Jordan on upgrading entrepreneurial skills of managers of small- and medium-scale enterprises under conditions of rapid change (XB)	3		<b><u>Completed</u></b> Amman, 14-20 September 1994

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Activity No.	Title	Date due (quarter)	Status of implementation/ modifications
		1994	
7	<b><u>Coordination, harmonization and liaison</u></b>		
7 (a)	Consultation, cooperation and liaison with relevant bodies and agencies of the United Nations system: the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Bank, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Social Welfare and Social Integration Branch of the United Nations Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), the International Labour Organization (ILO), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS) (Habitat), the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), UNDP and the Urban Management Programme	Continuous	<u>UNESCO</u> (i) (Mission to Paris, March/April 1994) Liaison and coordination with UNESCO officials in respect of ESCWA plans for the preparation for the World Summit for Social Development on the level of Arab countries, specifically the issue of including the cultural dimension in development; (ii) (Mission to New York, August/September 1994) To coordinate activities relevant to the cultural aspects of development; an agreement was reached by which ESCWA will translate the UNESCO study on the topic.

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		1994	
			<p><u>UNDP/Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People (PAPP) New York/Jerusalem (March 1994 and September 1994)</u> Co-financed workshop in Palestine to review the National Plan of Action for the Fourth World Conference on Women.</p> <p><u>UNICEF (Cairo, January 1994)</u> Funded the paper entitled "Reintegration of women returnees and their families into their societies of origin" (in Arabic).</p> <p><u>INSTRAW (Amman, November 1994)</u> Preparations to hold jointly a planned seminar on assessment of training and research needs of Arab women, which was subsequently postponed.</p> <p><u>Secretariat of the International Year of the Family (IYF) (Vienna)</u> Co-financed the Expert Group Meeting on the Arab Family in a Changing Society, Abu Dhabi, 10-14 December 1994.</p>

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Activity No.	Title	Date due (quarter) 1994	Status of implementation/ modifications
			<p><u>UNDP</u> New York (i) (March/April 1994) UNDP agreed to finance the translation into English of the articles from the Expert Group Meeting on Human Development in the Arab World, held in Cairo, 6-9 December 1993;</p> <p>UNDP agreed to finance an expert group meeting of ESCWA and other experts to develop an integrated Arab approach to human development aimed, <i>inter alia</i>, at producing an "Arab report on human development";</p> <p>(ii) August/September 1994) A review of common activities relevant to human development showed that since mid-1993, these activities were as follows: (a) Towards a strategy for sustainable human development in the Arab world, Brainstorming Meeting, Tangier, Morocco, 7-10 July 1994; (b) the Expert Group Meeting on the Arab Declaration on Social Development, 19-22 September 1994; and (c) initiated preparations for five studies on human development in the Arab world.</p> <p><u>UNDP</u> (Cairo, October 1994) Discussed progress made in the implementation of a field project on rural community development in Egypt, scheduled for 1995.</p> <p><u>UNFPA</u> (Cairo, September 1994) Liaison and harmonization with the UNEP Regional Office of the Country Support Team for the Arab countries, to specify mechanisms for raising the level of coordination and cooperation between ESCWA and the Country Support Team.</p>

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Activity No.	Title	Date due (quarter)  1994	Status of implementation/ modifications
			<p><u>UNV (United Nations Volunteers Programme, Geneva)</u> March/April 1994 An agreement was reached to cooperate in implementing community development projects in Egypt and the Syrian Arab Republic. An agreement was reached to cooperate in implementing participation of women in community development in cooperation with UNV.</p> <p><u>ILO Geneva, March/April 1994</u> An agreement was finalized with the ILO Arab Office on Technical Cooperation on the preparation of the Arab Declaration on Social Development, and on joint funding.</p> <p><u>UNRISD reviewed the ESCWA work programme with regard to the preparation for the World Social Summit for Social Development at the level of the Arab countries. An agreement was reached on topics for future joint activities: (a) the cultural dimension of social development; (b) social effects of economic measures (restructuring and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade [GATT]).</u></p> <p><u>Population Division/United Nations (New York, March/April 1994)</u> It was agreed that ESCWA would cooperate with the Population Division in the following areas: (a) assist in follow-up of the analysis of the ESCWA questionnaire on population policies; (b) to specify assistance to be rendered in training ESCWA staff in demographic estimates and projections by reviewing with the Population Division the estimates and projections prepared by ESCWA.</p>

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		1994	
			<p><u>Secretariat of the World Summit for Social Development</u> (New York, March/April 1994) Coordination with the Secretariat of the World Summit for Social Development in respect to ESCWA preparatory work for the Summit.</p> <p><u>UNICEF</u> Coorganized with ESCWA the ESCWA Regional Seminar on the Role of the Family in Integrating Disabled Women into Society (Amman, October 1994).</p>
8	<u>Activities carried over from the biennium 1992-1993</u>		
8 (a)	<u>Published material</u>		
8 a (i)	<u>Recurrent publications</u>		
	Studies under the series "Women and Development":		
a.	Arab Women in the Manufacturing Industries, No. 19		<p><b><u>Completed</u></b> E/ESCWA/SD/1994/1 and E/ESCWA/ID/1994/5 April 1994 This study emanated from a field project and includes executive summaries of 5 case-studies on women in the food, textiles and pharmaceutical industries; and 3 case-studies on women in electronics industries (contribution by the Industry Section).</p>
b.	Role of kindergarten teachers in the socialization of children: case-studies of Kuwait and Bahrain, No. 20 (in Arabic)		<p><b><u>Completed</u></b> E/ESCWA/SD/1994/6 September 1994 This study emanated from a field project.</p>
c.	Participation of women in the pharmaceutical and electronics industries in the countries of Western Asia (in Arabic).		<p><b><u>Completed</u></b> E/ESCWA/1993/ID/8 - E/ESCWA/1994/SD/11</p>



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Activity No.	Title	Date due (quarter)	Status of implementation/ modifications
		1994	
8 a (ii)	<b><u>Non-recurrent publications</u></b>		
a.	The impact of crisis on the social situation in the ESCWA region		<b><u>Completed</u></b> E/ESCWA/SD/1994/5 April 1994
b.	Assessment of implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women		<b><u>Completed</u></b> E/ESCWA/SD/1994/WG.3-WOM/3 October 1994 Retitled: "Review and Assessment of the Progress Achieved for the Advancement of Arab Women in the Light of the Nairobi Forward-Looking Strategies".
9	<b><u>Additional activities</u></b>		
9 (a)	<b><u>Operational activities</u></b>		
9 a (i)	<b><u>Advisory services</u></b>		
	Advisory services on strengthening institutions for the development of women's enterprises		<b><u>Completed</u></b> These services were implemented upon the request of UNIFEM.
9 (b)	<b><u>Group training</u></b>		
9 b (i)	Workshop on participation of women in manufacturing: patterns, determinants and future trends; regional analysis, ESCWA region		<b><u>Completed</u></b> Amman, 30-31 October 1994; this additional workshop was held at the request of UNIDO and financed by UNIDO.

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1	<b><u>International cooperation</u></b>		
1 (a)	<b><u>External relations</u></b>		
	<p>Liaison and cooperation will be maintained with governmental, intergovernmental and regional organizations, including: the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development (AOAD), the Arab Centre for the Study of Arid Zones and Dry Lands (ACSAD), the Arab Federation for Food Industries (all of which are affiliates of LAS), the International Centre for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas (ICARDA), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the Agricultural Food Marketing Association for the Near East and North Africa (AFMANENA), the Near East/North Africa Regional Agricultural Credit Association (NENARACA) and the Centre for Agricultural and Rural Development in the Near East (CARDNE).</p>	Continuous	<p><u>LAS</u> - A joint project proposal for the rehabilitation of the fishery sector in the Gaza Strip was implemented in cooperation with FAO and LAS/AOAD.</p> <p><u>AOAD</u> - A joint meeting on sustainable agriculture and rural development in the Arab world was held.</p> <p>International Center for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (<u>CIHEAM</u>), the <u>European Community</u> and the <u>Lebanese University</u> (Faculty of Agricultural Sciences), Beirut.</p> <p>A representative of the ESCWA secretariat was invited to deliver two lectures for two courses organized in Beirut by the above institutions for participants from the Mediterranean region. The lectures addressed (a) agricultural production and marketing in Lebanon; and (b) horticultural production and food marketing in the Eastern Mediterranean region, with emphasis on Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic, Jordan, the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, Cyprus and Turkey.</p>
	Arab Industrial Development and Mining Organization (AIDMO)		ESCWA attended the thirteenth ministerial session of AIDMO.
	Arab Industrial Development and Mining Organization (with UNDP, Yemen)		Cooperated in the preparation of a study on the promotion of the industrial sector in Yemen, and the holding of a seminar on the subject.

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	Arab Industrial Development and Mining Organization (with UNIDO)		Cooperated in carrying out activities under the Special Programme for Industrial Development in the Arab countries (a workshop on the sugar industries, a study on basic engineering infrastructures and a seminar on the use of lasers in industry to be convened in Tunis in early 1995), the implementation of which is also shared by UNIDO.
	The Arab Industrial Development and Mining Organization, the Inter-Arab Investment Guarantee Corporation the Egyptian General Organization for Industrialization (GOFI) (in cooperation with UNIDO and UNESCO/ROSTAS)		Cooperated in preparing for the Second Arab Conference on Electronics, Communications and Software Industries.
	AIDMO, the Association of the Lebanese Industrialists, the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), the Arab Federation for Food Industries (in cooperation with UNIDO and UNESCO/ROSTAS)		Cooperated in the preparations for the Regional Seminar on Total Quality Management Based on ISO 9000 (Beirut, 17-19 January 1995).
	The Arab Union of Pharmaceutical and Medical Appliance Manufacturers (AUPAM)		Coordinated in preparations for holding the workshop on "Application of biotechnology in pharmaceutical industries", which was later postponed to the biennium 1996-1997.

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	The Organization of the Islamic Conference, especially the Islamic Foundation for Science, Technology and Development (IFSTAD); and the Islamic Development Bank		Coordinated with IFSTAD and the Federation for Arab Scientific Research Councils (FASRC) in relation to the activities on "Revitalization of R&D Activities in the ESCWA Region" and "Techno-Economic Aspects of the Commercialization of New Materials in the ESCWA Region".
	Federation of Arab Scientific Research Councils (FASRC)		Attended a joint coordination meeting between the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the United Nations, Geneva, May 1994. A number of activities were selected for the approval of ESCWA for joint implementation.
	Cooperation with governmental and regional institutions, particularly LAS and its Standing Committee on Statistics, AIDMO, the Arab Institute for Training & Research in Statistics, the Statistical Committee of the Council for Arab Economic Cooperation and the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development in the development and coordination of statistical activities in the region; and in collaboration with the Islamic Development Bank and the International Statistical Institute; cooperation with member States will also include issuing a statistical newsletter covering the latest developments in statistics in the region and the United Nations system.		<p>Contributed to the meeting on science and technology statistics in the Arab countries, organized by FASRC in cooperation with the Arab Institute for Training &amp; Research in Statistics. Amman, July 1994.</p> <p>Attended the following meetings:</p> <p>Meeting of the Standing Committee on Statistics, LAS, Cairo, 14-16 December 1994;</p> <p>Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Arab Institute for Training &amp; Research in Statistics, Amman, 20-21 December 1994;</p> <p>Meeting with the Chief of Information and Transfer of Technology Department, AIDMO, Amman, 7-8 April 1994;</p> <p>Meeting with the Director-General of the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, Amman, June 1994.</p>

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	ESCWA coordinated its activities with LAS	Continuous	A visit was made to the secretariat of LAS in October 1994 for the purpose of strengthening cooperation between ESCWA and LAS in the field of transport. Issues discussed were: exchange of publications, resolutions, decisions and agendas of meetings; participation in relevant meetings on both sides; possible cooperation in establishing a road transport data bank, regional Arab transport corridors and a trade efficiency/transport cost relationship; cooperation in activities pertaining to the Transport and Communications Decade and inclusion of LAS activities in the ESCWA <u>Transport Bulletin</u> .
2	<b><u>Parliamentary services</u></b>		
2 (a)	<b><u>Parliamentary documentation</u></b>		
2 a (i)	Report to the Commission on follow-up action on the implementation of the Transport and Communications Decade		<b><u>Completed</u></b> E/ESCWA/18/4(Part I)/Add.1 1 February 1995
2 a (ii)	Report to the Economic and Social Council on the Survey of Economic and Social Developments in the ESCWA Region and review and appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade	2	<b><u>Completed</u></b> E/ESCWA/SED/1994/1 7 April 1994
2 (b)	<b><u>Substantive services</u></b>		
2 b (i)	Inputs into the Secretary-General's reports, the sessions of the United Nations Statistical Commission; and the ACC Subcommittee on Statistical Activities		Reports to the sessions of the United Nations Statistical Commission and the ACC Subcommittee on the activities of the ESCWA Statistics Division and its contribution to the 1993 System of National Accounts (SNA).

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Activity No.	Title	Date due (quarter) 1994	Status of implementation/ modifications
3	<b><u>Published material</u></b>		
3 (a)	<b><u>Recurrent publications</u></b>		
3 a (i)	Statistical Abstract of the ESCWA Region, No. 14	4	<b><u>Completed</u></b> E/ESCWA/STAT/1994/15 Sales No. 94.II.L.8
3 a (ii)	Bulletin of National Accounts, No. 14	4	<b><u>Completed</u></b> E/ESCWA/STAT/1994/14 Sales No. 94.II.L.9 Retitled: <u>National Accounts Studies of the ESCWA Region</u>
3 a (iii)	External Trade Bulletin of the ESCWA Region, No. 7	4	<b><u>Completed</u></b> E/ESCWA/STAT/1994/13 Sales No. 94.II.L.10
3 a (iv)	Agriculture and Development in Western Asia, No. 16	4	<b><u>Substantively completed</u></b> (In press) E/ESCWA/AGREB/XVI Sales No. E.95.II.L.3
3 a (v)	Survey of economic and social developments in the ESCWA region, which includes review and analysis of recent developments in the following:  a. Agriculture (first quarters, 1994, 1995);  b. Natural resources (first quarters, 1994 and 1995);  c. Industrial developments and transport (first quarters, 1994 and 1995);  d. Social situation; (first quarters, 1994 and 1995)	1	<b><u>Completed</u></b> E/ESCWA/SED/1994/3 Sales No. 94.II.L.11
3 a (vi)	Review of developments and issues in the external trade and payments situation of countries of Western Asia	2	<b><u>Completed</u></b> E/ESCWA/SED/1994/4 6 October 1994

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<b>Activity No.</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date due (quarter) 1994</b>	<b>Status of implementation/ modifications</b>
3 a (vii)	Review of developments and trends in the monetary and financial sectors in the economies of the ESCWA region	2	<b>Completed</b> E/ESCWA/SED/1994/2 2 August 1994
3 a (viii)	Transport Bulletin, No. 5	4	<b>Completed</b> E/ESCWA/TCD/1994/7 10 July 1994
3 (b)	<b><u>Non-recurrent publications</u></b>		
3 b (i)	Land and Water Policies in the Near East Region	3	<b>Completed</b> E/ESCWA/AGR/1994/10 2 August 1994
3 b (ii)	Farm Data Handbook	4	<b>Completed (Syrian Arab Republic)</b> E/ESCWA/AGR/1994/8 27 December 1994
3 b (iii)	Commodity specific policy analysis matrix (PAM) for the Syrian Arab Republic	4	<b>Substantively completed</b> (In press) Retitled: Evaluation of Agricultural Policies in the Syrian Arab Republic (Policy Analysis Matrix Approach)
3 b (iv)	Marketing of agricultural products in Lebanon	4	<b>Completed</b> E/ESCWA/AGR/1994/4 13 December 1994
3 b (v)	Proceedings of the Second Arab Conference on Perspectives of Modern Biotechnology		<b>Completed</b> No ESCWA identifier. Published from extrabudgetary resources by Bio Dynamics International, U.S.A
3 b (vi)	Proceedings of the Workshop on the Implications of New and Advanced Materials Technologies for the Economies of the ESCWA Countries		<b>Completed</b> E/ESCWA/NR/1994/8 25 May 1994
3 b (vii)	Proceedings of the workshop on Integration of Science and Technology in the Development Planning and Management Process in the ESCWA Region		<b>Completed</b> E/ESCWA/NR/1994/2 10 July 1994
3 b (viii)	Development of free zones in Western Asia		<b>Completed</b> E/ESCWA/TCD/1994/12 15 January 1995

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3 b (ix)	Management of public expenditure in selected ESCWA countries		<b><u>Terminated</u></b> Owing to high vacancy rate
3 b (x)	Proceedings of the Western Asia Workshop on Strategies for Accelerating the Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems		<b><u>Completed</u></b> E/ESCWA/STAT/1994/7 12 June 1994
3 (c)	<b><u>Technical material</u></b>		
3 c (i)	Development and maintenance of databases on industrial statistics		Database for Arab countries was established using EXCEL software
4	<b><u>Ad hoc expert groups</u></b>		
4 (a)	Management and sustainable development of drylands in the Arab countries (RB/XB)	4	<b><u>Completed</u></b> Aleppo; 10-13 November 1994
4 (b)	Impact of the changing international and regional trade environment on agricultural trade in the Near East Region (XB)	4	<b><u>Completed</u></b> Cyprus, 5-7 December 1994
4 (c)	Agricultural risk management in the Near East countries	4	<b><u>Completed</u></b> Amman, 31 October - 2 November 1994
4 (d)	Review of programmes of regional organizations active in the field of water resources	3	<b><u>Completed</u></b> Amman, 12-14 September 1994
4 (e)	Maritime hydrographic surveying and nautical charting	2	<b><u>Completed</u></b> Amman and Aqaba; 8-12 May 1994
5	<b><u>Operational activities</u></b>		
5 (a)	<b><u>Advisory services</u></b>		
5 a (i)	Support of regional advisory services on assistance in improving the performance and competitiveness of existing industries in ESCWA countries		One mission was implemented in 1994.
5 a (ii)	Support of advisory services in the areas of national accounts, economic statistics, data processing and household surveys		Backstopping of four missions undertaken by regional advisers.
5 (b)	<b><u>Group training</u></b>		



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<b>Activity No.</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date due (quarter) 1994</b>	<b>Status of implementation/modifications</b>
5 b (i)	Regional training workshop on food and agricultural policy analysis	4	<b><u>Completed</u></b> Cairo, 6-17 November 1994
5 b (ii)	Regional training of trainers workshop on project planning and environmental considerations (XB)	3	<b><u>Completed</u></b> Amman, 4-15 September 1994
5 b (iii)	National training workshop on agricultural policy analysis and farm management in the Syrian Arab Republic (XB)	4	<b><u>Completed</u></b> Damascus, 2-20 October 1994
5 b (iv)	Workshop on the implementation of the 1993 revised system of national accounts (RB/XB)		<b><u>Completed</u></b> Amman, 12-19 December 1994
5 b (v)	Workshop on industrial statistics (RB/XB)		<b><u>Completed</u></b> Damascus, 26 November - 6 December 1994
6	<b><u>Coordination, harmonization and liaison</u></b>		
6 (a)	Coordination with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)		Participated in the third meeting of the UNCTAD ad hoc group on trade efficiency (Geneva, May 1994).

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Activity No.	Title	Date due (quarter) 1994	Status of implementation/modifications
6 (b)	Coordination with, and participation in relevant meetings of, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), UNDP and UNESCO/ROSTAS;		<p><u>UNIDO</u> - Coordinated with UNIDO (and AIDMO) on activities on the Special Programme for Industrial Development in the Arab Countries; cooperated in a draft project on promoting the use of cleaner industrial production technologies in selected ESCWA countries; participated in UNIDO workshop on Regional Forecasting, Vienna, 4-5 October 1994, for preparation of the annual UNIDO Global Report; participated in a UNIDO/ESCWA/AIDMO coordination meeting in Vienna, February 1994.</p> <p>Coordinated activities relating to the enhancement of the integration of women in the manufacturing sector; coordinated a joint project on the promotion of software industries in the Arab countries (integrated in the activity "Second Arab Conference on Electronics and Communications Industries in the Arab countries"); and activities related to a project on the establishment of a subregional centre for instrumentation and repair services in the Syrian Arab Republic.</p> <p>Coordinated with UNIDO on the implementation of joint activities on: "Revitalization of R&amp;D activities in the ESCWA Region", "Techno-Economic Aspects of the Commercialization of New Materials"; and "Strategies for the Development of Selected Agricultural and Industrial Biotechnologies in the ESCWA Region".</p>

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Activity No.	Title	Date due (quarter) 1994	Status of implementation/ modifications
6 (c)	Participation in and coordination with the Commission for Science and Technology for Development and with relevant specialized agencies, such as UNCTAD, UNESCO and UNIDO		<p><u>UNDP and UNIDO</u> Cooperated in undertaking a study entitled "Promotion of the industrial sector in Yemen".</p> <p><u>UNIDO and UNESCO</u> (Regional Office for Science and Technology for the Arab States).</p> <p>Participated in the preparations for the Second Arab Conference on Electronics and Communications Industries in the Arab countries.</p> <p><u>DPCSD</u> - Provided input for the Secretary-General's report to be submitted to the third session of the Commission on Sustainable Development in 1995 on "Science for Sustainable Development", chapter 35 of Agenda 21. Participated in the Inter-agency consultation meeting on chapter 16 of Agenda 21: "Environmentally Sound Management of Biotechnology", Vienna, September 1994.</p> <p>Contributed to the Task Manager's/DPCSD report for the meeting on chapter 19 of Agenda 21, regarding the decision taken by the Commission on Sustainable Development at its second meeting in May 1994.</p> <p><u>United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (OOSA)</u> ESCWA participated in a joint mission to evaluate the facilities offered in the region to establish a Regional Centre for "Outer Space Science and Technology Education", March 1994.</p>

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Activity No.	Title	Date due (quarter) 1994	Status of implementation/modifications
6 (d)	Coordination with the ESCAP secretariat and follow-up of ESCAP activities on the second phase of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific (1992-1996), and with ITU, UNCTAD and other United Nations agencies concerned with transport and communications issues		<p><u>ESCAP</u></p> <p>In November 1994 a mission was undertaken to the ESCAP secretariat in Bangkok to participate in the Third Meeting of the Inter-agency Steering Committee and in the Ad hoc Intergovernmental Meeting on Phase II (1992-1996) of the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific. During this mission, the representative of ESCWA informed participants in these meetings of the current and future activities of ESCWA pertaining to the Decade's programmes and projects; the ESCWA representative discussed with ESCAP counterparts the possibilities of coordinating the implementation of some of the Decade's activities with some of those included in the ESCWA work programme (port-pricing policies and multimodal transport) and explored the possibilities of cooperation in the field of transport with various intergovernmental organizations attending the above meeting.</p>
6 (e)	Coordination with statistical offices of specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations; participation in the United Nations Statistical Commission, the ACC Subcommittee on Statistical Activities and a number of inter-secretariat working groups.		<p><u>Statistical Commission</u></p> <p>Attended the special session of the Statistical Commission, New York, 11-15 April 1994; and the ACC Subcommittee on Statistical Activities, Rome, 8-10 June 1994. Contacts were made with respect to activities of common interest, such as the United Nations Economic and Social Information System (UNESIS) and other statistical areas.</p>

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Activity No.	Title	Date due (quarter) 1994	Status of implementation/modifications
6 (f)	Coordination with ESCWA substantive divisions in carrying out multi-disciplinary activities, especially in the field of statistical databases. A special contribution will be made to the <u>Survey of Economic and Social Developments in the ESCWA Region</u> in the area of national accounts projections and estimates.		Coordination with the ESCWA Task Force on Poverty and contribution to the <u>Survey of Economic and Social Developments in the ESCWA Region</u> (E/ESCWA/SED/1994/3, Sales No. 94.II.L.11) was made in the area of national accounts: projections and estimates
6 (g)	Coordination with UNCTAD	Continuous	Participated in the third meeting of the UNCTAD ad hoc group on trade efficiency (Geneva, May 1994).
6 (h)	ESCWA agriculture activities will be carried out in close collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and its Regional Office for the Near East and North Africa (RNEA), and will be coordinated with the relevant substantive divisions of ESCWA. The subprogramme will also coordinate its activities with UNEP and the ACC Subcommittee on Rural Development	3	<p><u>FAO</u> See under <u>external relations</u> for joint activities among ESCWA/FAO, AOAD and LAS;</p> <p>A study entitled <u>Land and Water Policies in the Near East Region</u> was also undertaken in cooperation with FAO;</p> <p>Jointly organized a national training workshop on agricultural policy analysis and farm management;</p> <p>Jointly prepared a Farm Data Handbook for the Syrian Arab Republic;</p> <p>Jointly prepared a study entitled "Evaluation of agricultural policies in the Syrian Arab Republic (Policy Analysis Matrix Approach)";</p> <p>Jointly formulated a resource conservation strategy for the Syrian Arab Republic.</p>

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7	<u>Activities carried over from the biennium 1992-1993</u>		
7 (a)	<u>Published material</u>		
7 a (i)	<u>Non-recurrent publications</u>		
a.	Impact of population growth and urbanization on food consumption patterns in Egypt		<b><u>Completed</u></b> E/ESCWA/AGR/1994/3 14 August 1994
b.	Impact of population growth and urbanization on food consumption patterns in Jordan		<b><u>Substantively completed</u></b>
c.	Farm Data Handbook for Lebanon		<b><u>Terminated</u></b> Essential data for the handbook could not be obtained.
d.	Impact of structural adjustment on food production and consumption in Egypt		<b><u>Substantively completed</u></b>
e.	Impact of structural adjustment of Jordan: food production, supply and consumption		<b><u>Completed</u></b> E/ESCWA/AGR/1994/12 20 November 1994 Retitled: <u>The Impact of the Structural Adjustment Programme on Food Production, Supply and Consumption in Jordan</u>
f.	Prospects of economic cooperation in the region in light of recent developments		<b><u>Completed</u></b> E/ESCWA/17/15 17 March 1994 Retitled: Methods of strengthening mechanisms and techniques of activating intraregional trade among the States members of the Commission.
7 (b)	<u>Operational activities</u>		
7 b (i)	<u>Group training</u>		
	Integrated circuit design and fabrication		<b><u>Terminated</u></b> Due to withdrawal of co-sponsor, UNIDO.
8	<u>Additional activities</u>		
8 (a)	<u>Published material</u>		

**SUBPROGRAMME 3. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION**

Activity No.	Title	Date due (quarter) 1994	Status of implementation/modification
8 a (i)	<b><u>Non-recurrent publications</u></b>		
a.	Present status, development trends and future prospects of telecommunications in the ESCWA region		<b><u>Completed</u></b> E/ESCWA/TCD/1994/5 7 June 1994 This publication was submitted as an ESCWA contribution to the follow-up work on the African Telecommunications Conference, Cairo, April 1994.
b.	Development of the telecommunication sector in the ESCWA region		<b><u>Completed</u></b> E/ESCWA/TCD/1994/6 (in Arabic) 3 November 1994 This study was submitted as follow-up on the above-mentioned Conference.
8 (b)	<b><u>Operational activities</u></b>		
8 b (i)	<b><u>Advisory services</u></b>		
	Advisory services on the necessity and benefit of establishing a Regional Centre for Software Development Training and Marketing in Damascus		<b><u>Completed</u></b> This activity was carried out upon the request of UNIDO and the Higher Institute for Applied Science and Technology in the Syrian Arab Republic.

**SUBPROGRAMME 4. REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND GLOBAL CHANGES**

Activity No.	Title	Date due (quarter) 1994	Status of implementation/modifications
1	<b><u>International cooperation</u></b>		
1 (a)	<b><u>External relations</u></b>		
1 a (i)	Cooperation with governmental, international and regional institutions, such as the Arab Institute for Training Research in Statistics and the European Community.	Continuous	<p><u>European Community</u>          In November 1994 two staff members undertook missions to the headquarters of the European Community in Brussels to discuss issues pertaining to the banking and financial sectors and the external trade sector in the ESCWA region, in the context of a study on the impact of the establishment of the Single European Market on ESCWA member countries.</p> <p>During the same missions, issues pertaining to banking and financial sectors in the ESCWA region were discussed with General Banque. The findings of these missions will be utilized as inputs into the above-mentioned study.</p>
		Continuous	<p>Attended a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Arab Institute for Training Research in Statistics, Amman, 20-21 December 1994.</p>
2	<b><u>Published material</u></b>		
2 (a)	<b><u>Non-recurrent publications</u></b>		
	Country case-studies on the operation of transnational corporations and the implications of their size (small, medium and giant) for national competitiveness, economic restructuring and transfer of technology.		<p><b><u>Terminated</u></b>          Activity has already been carried out by UNCTAD. Resources were utilized in additional activities.</p>



**SUBPROGRAMME 4. REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND GLOBAL CHANGES**

Activity No.	Title	Date due (quarter) 1994	Status of implementation/ modifications
3	<u>Coordination, harmonization and liaison</u>	Continuous	(a) Participated in the twentieth session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations, Geneva, 2-11 May 1994;  (b) Represented UNCTAD at the 13th World Trade Union Congress, Damascus, 22-26 November 1994.

**SUBPROGRAMME 5. SPECIAL PROGRAMMES AND ISSUES**

Activity No.	Title	Date due (quarter) 1994	Status of implementation/ modifications
1	<b><u>International cooperation</u></b>		
1 (a)	<b><u>External relations</u></b>		
	The subprogramme coordinates its activities with international and regional organizations and institutions such as the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (Foundation), the Palestinian Welfare Association, the League of Arab States (LAS), the Arab Industrial Development and Mining Organization (AIDMO), the Economic Development Group (EDG) in Gaza, the Al-Ofok Institution and the Business Development Centre of Bethlehem.	Continuous	Cooperated in the preparation of two project documents for the establishment of business incubators in the occupied Palestinian territories, one in the West Bank and one in the Gaza Strip. Cooperated with one or more of the institutions mentioned at left in conducting one or more of the five workshops on "How to start your own business in war-torn areas/ occupied Palestinian territories: training of trainers and of potential entrepreneurs".
2	<b><u>Published material</u></b>		
2 (a)	<b><u>Non-recurrent publications</u></b>		
2 a (i)	Assessment of institutional structures for planning and implementation of rural policies and programmes in the occupied Palestinian territories	4	<b><u>Completed</u></b> E/ESCWA/AGR/1994/7 9 January 1995 retitled: <u>Prospective Development of the Agricultural Institutions in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.</u>
2 a (ii)	Rehabilitation of the fishery sector in the Gaza Strip	3	<b><u>Completed</u></b> E/ESCWA/AGR/1994/1 14 July 1994
2 a (iii)	Rehabilitation of the animal health service in the occupied Palestinian territories		<b><u>Completed</u></b> E/ESCWA/AGR/1994/9 9 January 1995 Retitled: <u>Rehabilitation of Veterinary Services in the Occupied Palestinian Territories</u>

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<b>Activity No.</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date due (quarter) 1994</b>	<b>Status of implementation/ modifications</b>
3	<b><u>Operational activities</u></b>		
3 (a)	<b><u>Group training</u></b>		
3 a (i)	Workshop on how to start your own business in war-torn areas/occupied Palestinian territories: Training of trainers and of potential entrepreneurs (XB)	2	<b><u>Completed</u></b> Bethlehem; 30 May-17 June 1994
3 a (ii)	Workshop on how to start your own business in war-torn areas/occupied Palestinian territories: Training of trainers and of potential entrepreneurs (XB)	2	<b><u>Completed</u></b> Gaza, 20 June-7 July 1994
3 a (iii)	Workshop on how to start your own business in war-torn areas/occupied Palestinian territories: Training of trainers and of potential entrepreneurs (XB)	3	<b><u>Completed</u></b> Nablus; 11-28 July 1994
3 a (iv)	Workshop on how to start your own business in war-torn areas/occupied Palestinian territories: Training of trainers (XB)	3	<b><u>Completed</u></b> Gaza; 2-18 August 1994
3 a (v)	Workshop on how to start your own business in war-torn areas/occupied Palestinian territories: Training of trainers and of potential entrepreneurs (XB)	3	<b><u>Completed</u></b> Beirut; 24 August-9 September 1994
3 (b)	<b><u>Field projects</u></b>		
3 b (i)	Preparation of two project documents for the establishment of "business incubators" in the occupied Palestinian territories, one in the West Bank and one in the Gaza Strip (in cooperation with the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung [Foundation] and the Palestinian Welfare Association)	3	<b><u>Completed</u></b> Document circulated for comments and revision by co-sponsors.

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Activity No.	Title	Date due (quarter) 1994	Status of implementation/ modifications
4 (a)	<u>Coordination, harmonization and liaison</u>		
4 a (i)	Coordination with UNDP and UNRWA	Continuous	<p><u>UNDP</u> (Jerusalem)          Cooperated in preparing project documents for the establishment of business incubators in the occupied Palestinian territories;</p> <p><u>UNDP</u> (Gaza, Jerusalem and Beirut)          Cooperated in conducting four workshops on how to start your own business in war-torn areas/occupied Palestinian territories; Training of trainers and of potential entrepreneurs;</p> <p><u>UNRWA</u>          Cooperated in conducting one workshop on how to start your own business in war-torn areas/occupied Palestinian territories; Training of trainers and of potential entrepreneurs (Gaza, 2-18 August 1994).</p>
5	<u>Carried over activities</u>		
5 (a)	<u>Operational activities</u>		<u>Completed</u> Sana'a, 25-28 January 1994.
5 a (i)	<u>Group training, workshops and seminars</u>		
	Seminar on industrial development and promotion of investment in the industrial sector in Yemen		

