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HOW TO GET TO ECWA

The headquarters of the United Nations Economic Commission for Western Asia is located in Ameriya on Airport Road. To come to the ECWA compound (from the airport) make a right turn just as you arrive at the Abbas Bin Firnas monument. ECWA's telephone numbers are 5569400-20.

ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA

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General

1. The Eleventh session of the Economic Commission for Western Asia will be held in Baghdad, Iraq from 22-26 April 1984.
2. The inaugural meeting on Sunday 22 April 1984 at 10:00 a.m. will be held in the main Conference Hall of the United Nations Economic Commission for Western Asia. The meetings of the committees will be held in the committee rooms of the Conference Building.
3. The Standing Committee for the Programme will hold its second meeting on the medium-term plan 1985-1989, in the main Committee Room at ECWA headquarters from 16-19 April, 1984.

Reception on arrival

Provided that advance notice is given, participants will be met on arrival at Saddam International Airport and will be assisted with the customs formalities. Hotels will provide complimentary transport service from the airport for their residents.

Expected date and time of arrival in Baghdad and flight number should be sent to ECWA by cable, telex or letter. The cable address is UN-ECWA BAGHDAD, Telex 213303 IK, P.O. Box 27. ECWA should be notified as soon as possible of any change in a participant's arrival plans.

The above information should be supplied in addition to official notifications by Governments and organizations, etc. to the Executive Secretary of ECWA, Baghdad, concerning the composition of delegations.

Participants are advised to attach "ECWA BAGHDAD" labels to their baggage and to wear the identity badges for easy identification in order to avoid any inconvenience to them such as possible delay at the airport on arrival. The labels and identity badges will be provided to participants together with this circular.

Regulations for visitors

Health certificates

The following health certificates are required from foreigners visiting Iraq:

Cholera: For arrivals from epidemic areas, with the exception of children under 12 months, a vaccination certificate valid six days after the first vaccination and for six months after the second.

Yellow fever: For arrivals from epidemic or previously epidemic areas: a vaccination certificate valid 10 days after vaccination for 10 years.

Smallpox: For arrivals from epidemic or previously epidemic areas, with the exception of children under 12 months, a vaccination certificate valid eight days after the first successful vaccination for 3 years.

Currency

<u>Currency</u>	<u>Allowed on entry</u>	<u>Allowed on departure</u>
Iraqi	ID 25	ID 5
Foreign	No limit (except Israeli currency) If visitor intends to take out amounts brought by him into Iraq, a declaration on the proper Exchange Form is required.	
Travellers Cheques	Idem.	

Customs

A tourist may have the following admitted duty-free: 200 cigarettes, 50 cigars, 250 gms. of tobacco, 1 litre of wine or alcoholic beverage, 1 litre of perfume. Also: one camera, one radio, one recorder, with the provision that he shall take them out with him on departure.

Where to stay

First Class Hotels

Al-Rasheed (an Oberoi hotel)

(Al-Mansour, Phone: 8871300)

The Al-Rasheed is located on the outskirts of the city centre close to the ECWA headquarters. Rates for rooms are:

Single Room: ID. 25.000 less 25% discount, i.e.
ID. 18.750 plus 10% service charge
including Continental breakfast.

Double Room: ID. 30.000 less 25% discount, i.e.
ID. 22.500 plus 10% service charge
including Continental breakfast.

Breakfast and lunch or dinner on fixed menu (2 choices) costs ID. 5.800 plus 10% charge and a la carte meals are available from between ID 3.500 to 5.000. There is 24-hour room service and free entrance to the swimming pool, tennis courts and bowling. The hotel also arranges transportation for its guests twice a day for the duration of the meeting. It also provides airport pick-up and a shuttle coach service from the hotel to various important points in the city.

Al-Mansour Melia Hotel

Haifa Str. Phone: 8886105/9

The Mansour Melia Hotel is located on Haifa Street, Some ten minutes drive from ECWA headquarters.

It has de luxe rooms and suites which are fully air-conditioned, equipped with colour TV. in-house video films, radio, mini-bars, etc.

Among the hotel's many features are; free entrance to swimming pools, tennis, saunas, bank, gymnasium, airlines office and airport shuttle service. The hotel also arranges group transportation for its guests to and from the ECWA headquarters for the duration of the meeting.

Rates for rooms are:

Single Rooms: ID 25.000 less 25-30% discount
Double Rooms: ID 30.000 less 25-30% discount
Jr. suite : ID 35.000 less 25-30% discount
Sr. suite : ID 45.000 less 25-30% discount.

Up-grading of rooms for V.I.P. participants while charging the price of a standard room is also possible.

Meals: Breakfast - ID 2-3½ + 10% service charge
Lunch - ID 5½ + 10% service charge
Dinner - Will be charged according to the selection from a la carte or a set menu.

Continental breakfast is included in the room rates.

Al-Sadeer Novotel

Andalus Square, Phone: 7765043

Novotel is located in the city centre. Rates for rooms are:

Single Rooms: ID 15:000
Double Rooms: ID 18.000
Breakfast : ID 2.000
Meals : ID 7.000 plus 10% service charge.

The hotel will provide free transportation to and from the airport as well as two trips a day from the hotel to ECWA headquarters and return.

Ashtar-Sheraton: Saadoun str., Phone 8889500/9

Palestine-Meridian: Saadoun str., Phone 8875641

Where to eat

Lunch: The hotels' coffee shops.

Lunch/Dinner: The hotels' grills (reservation), coffee shops, Italian restaurant, Melia Mansour, State Organization restaurants:

Khan Murjan	Al-Rasheed str.
Al-Zeytoun	Abu Nawas str.
Italian Restaurant	Jadriya
Chinese Restaurant	Jadriya

These and other available hotels are located in or near the city centre and entail commuting to ECWA meetings.

What to wear

Iraq's climate varies in accordance with the four seasons.

Winter: In December, January and February, it tends to be cold. Temperatures may sometimes drop to below 0°C. Warm woolen clothes are then necessary. Overcoats or raincoats may be advisable.

Spring: In March, April and May, the climate is temperate. Light woolen or cotton clothes are worn. A raincoat may sometimes be necessary.

Summer: In June, July and August, light cotton clothes are advisable.

Autumn: In September, October and November, clothes similar to those worn in spring are advisable.

Transportation

ECWA will not be able to provide transportation facilities during the conference. Participants may wish to make their own arrangements for getting to and from meetings and other social functions.

The Rasheed Hotel, Mansour Melia Hotel and Al-Sadeer Novotel will arrange transportation for their guests twice a day for the duration of the meeting. Guests may check with the hotels for schedule.

Some taxi offices in Baghdad

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Saad	6/2/82/609 Wihda Quarter	90982
Baghdad Car	42/2/2/929 Babylon Quarter	97721
Tourist	1/1/903 Karrada Quarter	95662
Sindbad	119/1/38/903 Karrada Quart.	92964
Rafidain	20/1 Walid str., Wihda Quart.	92854
Diana Car	53/9/929 Wihda Quarter	98433
Sumer	2/1/164 Alwiya Quarter	92143
Zuhair	22/6/5/929 Babylon Quarter	97985
Babylon	27/3/77/903 Karrada Quarter	99194
Ghazi	66/906 Wihda Quarter	93554
Niveveh	Saadoun str., (Opp. Agadir Hotel)	

Identification

All cars entering the ECWA premises will be checked at the gate. All participants are requested to wear their badges all the time. Nobody will be allowed to the Conference area without a badge.

Banking

A branch of the Rafidain Bank is located in the ECWA building.

Banking hours are as follows:

Summer: Saturday to Wednesday: 7:30a.m.- 1:00p.m.
Thursday : 7:30a.m.-12:30p.m.

Winter: Saturday to Wednesday: 8:00a.m.- 1:00p.m.
Thursday : 8:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

The bank carries out all banking transactions, including foreign exchange. The main office of the Rafidain Bank is located on Al-Bunuk street and its telephone number is 88870244. The bank has 90 branches and 11 offices in grand hotels in Baghdad, 121 branches and 3 offices outside Baghdad, and 6 branches abroad.

Travel reservations

Delegates are requested to confirm return travel reservations well in advance. The ECWA Travel Office will assist the participants with their reservations.

Postal services

Mail intended for participants should be addressed as follows:

c/o UN-ECWA
P.O. Box 27
Baghdad - Iraq

Letters and telegrams addressed to participants in meetings are distributed by the conference staff at the meeting. Participants who expect mail to arrive after their departure should give the conference staff the address to which it should be forwarded.

Telephone

Incoming telephone calls for participants in meetings will be put through whenever practicable to the delegates. Long-distance and international calls can be requested by the delegates against payment at the government official rates.

Medical facilities

There are many private clinics and specialized doctors' offices which charge nominal fees for their services.

For further treatment and other emergency cases the following are available: Medical City Hospital; Al-Yarmouk Hospital, Al Karama Hospital; Ibn Al Nafees Hospital; Private Nursing Home.

Telex

Hotels charge 20 per cent in addition to the official tariff for telex communications.

Government office hours

Iraqi time is three hours ahead of Greenwich mean-time.

Summer office hours: 8:00a.m.- 3:00p.m. weekdays
8:00a.m.-12:30p.m. Thursdays

Winter office hours: 8:00a.m.- 3:00p.m. weekdays
8:00a.m.-12:30p.m. Thursdays

Summer time begins in Iraq on 1 April by advancing the clock by one hour at midnight, and ends on 30 September by putting the clock back by one hour at midnight.

Office hours during the month of Ramadan begin one hour later in all Government departments and establishments, except for those whose work requirements demand otherwise.

Shopping

Most shops are open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. They generally close on Fridays.

A duty free shop is located at Saadoun Street, near Ali Baba Square.

A large variety of souvenirs can be found in the souks and bazaars located just off Rashid Street, between Martyrs (Shuhada) Bridge and Ahrar Bridge. One of the most interesting is the Souk Al Safafir (Coppersmith's market). In addition, the Folklore Centre near Karrada junction displays handicrafts from all parts of the country.

Electric Current

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Important telephone numbers

Ambulance	122
Police	104
Fire	115
Information	102
Civil Defence	5514538
Saddam International Air port	8872400
Air port Information	8872411
Maternity Hospital (Karkh)	5374191
Heart Surgery Hospital	7195111
Red Crescent Hospital	5376141
Medical City	8870522
Emergency Hospital	7195191
Alwiyah Maternity Hospital	7193003

Credentials

It is requested that participants bring with them their official credentials duly signed by the appropriate authorities of their respective Governments, agencies or organizations, which will be handed to the Secretary of the Commission or the Conference Officer at the time of registration.

Documents

During the Conference, documents will be distributed at the documents distribution desks in the conference site. However, participants are earnestly requested to bring with them the complete set of documents sent to their Governments and organizations because only a limited supply of such documents will be available at the Distribution Counter.

Documents which participants wish to have circulated should be handed over to the Secretary of the Commission and/or the Conference Officer. A minimum of 100 copies is required to ensure distribution to each delegation. In accordance

with United Nations regulations for the control and limitation of documentation, the secretariat cannot undertake to reproduce documents or statements submitted by individual delegations unless the Commission specifically takes a decision to that effect and approves the financial implications thereof. Participants are advised to consult the Secretary of the Commission on any matter pertaining to the issuance or distribution of documents at the Conference.

ECWA Library

The main Library is located on the ground floor. The Library services are available to ECWA staff, the member States, Government officials, international organizations, university professors, researchers and others.

The collection of the Library contains books; periodicals; newspapers; reports; microfilms; documents of the United Nations, specialized agencies, Arab Governments, and regional organizations in the economics, social and technical fields; reference material on economics, sociology, transportation, **planning**, statistics, natural resources, science and technology, as well as basic reference material.

The Library publishes cumulative lists of ECWA documents; a list of periodicals available at the ECWA Library; bibliographies; contents of recent periodicals received at the ECWA Library; and acquisition lists.

The Library is open from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Books and documents can be borrowed by ECWA staff; all other users may consult the collection while in the Library. There is a limited photocopying service for outside users.

ECWA Senior Officials

		<u>Telephone</u>
Mr. M. S. Al-Attar	Executive Secretary	452
Mr. M. Z. Ismail	Deputy Executive Secretary	454
Mr. I. Al-Wali	Secretary of the Commission	436

For immediate assistance contact:

Mr. N. Francois,	Chief, Division of Administration	494
Mr. F. Ebeid,	Chief, Conference Services Section	618
Mr. A. Mammo,	Conference Affairs Officer	610

Annex 1

Airline Offices in Baghdad

<u>Airlines</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Iraqi Airways, Saadoun str.	8870051
Iraqi Airways, Rashid str.	8883416
Iraqi Airways, Adhamiya	22621
Iraqi Airways, Mansour	5521700
Pakistani Airways	887181
British Airways	8883346
Bulgarian Airways	8888978
Belgian Airways	8882276/96631
Polish Airways	8881314
Turkish Airways	8884755
Czechoslovak Airways	8871662/8871972
Gulf Air	8877566/8881146
Jordanian Airways (Alia)	8884955
Saudi Airways	8881269/8883554
Scandinavian Airlines (SAS)	8888238
Swiss Air	88873261/91937
Soviet Airlines (Aeroflot)	8881250
Finnish Airlines	8874516/8875880
Air France	8876624/8872751
Kuwaiti Airlines	8886337/8888018
Middle East Airlines	8873271/8871724
Hungarian Airlines	8889233
Air India	8880641
K L M	8873911
Japan Airlines	8875181/8875047
Alitalia	8887095/8889741
Yugoslav Airlines	886168
Lufthansa	8885457/8889771
Interflug (German Democratic Airlines)	888978/8889780

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<u>Airlines</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Austrian Airlines	8872700
Balkan Airlines	8888978
Korean Airlines	8889500-9
LOT Airlines	8881382
Malev Airlines	8889233
PIA Airlines	8887181
JAT Airlines	8876168

Note: All the above airlines have their main offices in Saadoun street, Baghdad.

Annex 2

EMBASSIES AND MISSIONS, BAGHDAD

A. ECWA Members

Bahrain

Al-Mansour, Al-Motanabbi Quarter 603/1/6
P.O. Box: 27117
Phone: 5521561-2-3

Democratic Yemen

Al-Wihda Quarter 906/8
Phone: 7196027-8

Egypt's Interests Section in the Embassy of Turkey

Karrada Mariam/Second str./Opp. Gas station
No.6/31/04
Al-Tashri' Quarter
Telex: 213039
Phone: 37347-34128

Jordan

Al-Kendi Quarter 213/11
Telex: 2850
Phone: 5512892

Kuwait

Al-Jami'a Quarter (Al-Jadriah) 915/5/35
Telex: 2108
P.O. Box: 3072
Phone: 7763151-3

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Lebanon

Iwadiyah/near Al-Tebb City, Askari str.
House No. 51
Telex: 2263
Phone: 8879056-8877863-8877857

Oman

Al-Harthiah Quarter 213/36/15
Telex: 212480
P.O. Box: 6810
Phone: 5518198

P.L.O. Office

Abu Nuwas Quarter 102/23/5
P.O. Box: 3122
Phone: 8880081

Qatar

Al-Harthiah, Al-Kendi 213/46
Telex: 212391
P.O. Box: 2445 (Alwiya)
Phone: 5512186

Saudi Arabia

Al-Mansour Quarter 609/1/148/1/7
Phone: 5513566

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United Arab Emirates

Al-Mansour Quarter 609/13/50
Telex: 2285
P.O. Box: 6192

Yemen

Al-Jadriah (Near Al-Karmah Hotel)
P.O. Box: 13037
Phone: 7769472-7196817-7191941

B. Other countries

Afghanistan (Democratic Republic)

Al-Maghreb Dist. 304/7/18
P.O. Box 674 (Central)
Cable: Afghan Embassy
Phone: 29986-26839

Algeria

I'lam Quarter/Karrada Mariam 222/35/20
P.O. Box: 444
Phone: 32181-2-3

Argentina

Al-Jami'a Quarter 915/24/142
Telex: 3500
P.O. Box: 3244
Phone: 7768140

Australia

Al-Masbah 39B/35
Telex: 212148
P.O. Box: 661
Phone: 7193434-7193423

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Austria

Babel Quarter 929/2/5
Telex: 2383
P.O. Box: 294
Phone: 7199033-4

Belgium

Babel Quarter 929/27/25
Telex: 2450
P.O. Box: 2209 (Alwiyah)
Phone: 7198299-7198297

Bengladesh

Masbah Quarter 919/12/38/C/35
Telex: 2370
P.O. Box: 3123
Phone: 7190063

Brazil

Mansour Quarter 609/16/-
Telex: 2240
P.O. Box: 2088
Phone: 5511365

Bulgaria

Harthiah 9/12/53, Kendi street
Phone: 5520049

Canada

Mansour Quarter 609/1/33
Telex: 212486
P.O. Box: 323 (Central)
Phone: 5521459-5521932-5521933

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Central Africa

Kindy Quarter 213/11/10
P.O. Box: 8040
Phone: 5516520

China

Al-Jami'a Quarter 82/1/14
Telex: 2195
P.O. Box: 225
Phone: 7762766

Cuba

Babel Quarter
Arasat Hindiyah 929/7/-
P.O. Box: 2389
Phone: 7195177-7195978-7195179

Czechoslovakia

Al-Mansour Quarter
Dejla School street No. 37
P.O. Box: 27124
Phone: 5517136

Denmark

Al-Wihda Quarter 902/34
Telex: 212490
P.O. Box: 2001
Phone: 7193058-9

Djibouti

Mansour - Mutanabi Quarter 605/8/21

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Federal Republic of Germany

Babel Quarter - Masbah Square
Telex 212262
P.O. Box: 2036
Phone: 7192037-8-9

Finland

Babel Quarter 929/17/64
Telex: 2454
P.O. Box: 2041 (Alwiyah)
Phone: 7196154

France

Abu Nuwas Quarter 102/55/7
Telex: 212283
Phone: 7196061-2-3-4

German Democratic Republic

Babel Quarter 929/10/12
P.O. Box: 2052 (Alwiyah)
Phone: 7190071-4

Greece

Al-Jami'a Quarter - Al-Jadriah 913/31/63
Telex: 212479
Phone: 7769511

Hungary

Al-Jami'a Quarter 911/91/-
P.O. Box: 2065
Phone: 7763532-7763530-7765000

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India

Adhamiah Quarter 306/25/6
Telex: 2248
Phone: 22014-18

Indonesia

Wihda Quarter 906/2/77
Telex: 2517
P.O. Box: 420
Phone: 7198680-7198677-7198679

Italy

Al-Jadriah 73/1
Telex: 212242
P.O. Box: 2043
Phone: 7765058-9

Japan

Babel Quarter 929/17/70
Telex: 212241
P.O. Box: 355
Phone: 7195156-7

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mission

Al-Mansour Quarter 609/3
Telex: 2238
P.O. Box: 6187
Phone: 5511381-5518592

Malisia

Babel Quarter 929/34/6
Telex: 2452
P.O. Box: 1275
Phone: 719417-7194079-7192048

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Malta

Nil Quarter 503/49/-
Telex: 21319
P.O. Box: 2202 (Rasafa)

Mauritania

Mansour Quarter 601/4/-
Telex: 212381
P.O. Box: 6088
Phone: 5518261

Mexico

Babel Quarter - Karrada Sharkiah 903/36/1
Telex: 2582
Phone: 7192757

Morocco

Al-Mansour 601/11/27
Telex: 212387
P.O. Box: 6039
Phone: 5521779

Netherlands

Al-Jadriah Quarter 915/35/29
Telex: 212276
P.O. Box: 2069
Phone: 7767616-7-8

New Zealand

Jadriyah Quarter 19/2/D
Telex: 212433
P.O. Box: 2350 (Alwiyah)
Phone: 7768176-7-8

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Nigeria

Mansour Quarter - Almutanabi 603/3/2
P.O. Box: 5932
Phone: 5521750

Norway

Al-Mansour Quarter 609/3/20
Telex: 212715
P.O. Box: 1188
Phone: 5510097

Pakistan

Mansour Quarter 4725/7
Phone: 5511028

Philippines

Babel Quarter 929/3
Telex: 3463
Phone: 7193228

Poland

Babel Quarter 931/13/30
P.O. Box: 2051
Phone: 7191817-7190297-7190296

Portugal

Babel Quarter 925/25/79
Karrada Sharkiyah (Al-Horriah Square)
Telex: 2716
P.O. Box: 2014
Phone: 7764953-7764955-7769645

Romania

Al-Masbah, Al-Saffar Bldg. 203/7/19
Phone: 7198644-7198648

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Senegal

Kindi Quarter 213/31/6
Telex: 2183
P.O. Box: 1565 (Central)
Phone: 7767636

Somalia

Mutanabi Quarter 603/1/5
Telex: 2612
P.O. Box: 2078
Phone: 5510088

Spain

Riad Quarter 908/1/21
Telex: 3329
P.o. Box: 2072
Phone: 7190167-7192340-7191425

Sri-Lanka

Alwiyah 902/6/13
Telex: 212755
P.O. Box: 1074
Phone: 7193079-7193040

Sweden

Nidal Quarter 103/41/15
Telex: 212352
P.O. Box: 720
Phone: 7195417-7195379-7195361

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Switzerland

Masbah Quarter 929/5/41
Telex: 212243
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Phone: 7193091-2-3

Tchad

Karrada Maryam 97/4/4
P.O. Box: 8037
Phone: 36160-36169

Thailand

Mansour Quarter 609/4/1
P.O. Box: 6062
Phone: 5518798

Tunis

Mansour Mutanabi str. 605/8/6
Telex: 2833
Phone: 5520324

Turkey

Waziriyah 2/8
P.O. Box: 14001
Phone: 4220022-4220021

Uganda

Mansour Quarter 609/1/41
P.O. Box: 27038
Phone: 5513594

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United Guyana

Mansour 609/1/61
P.O. Box: 568
Phone: 5515770

United Kingdom

Salahiddin street, Al-Karkh
Al-Karrada Quarter 903/29/16
Telex: 213414
Phone: 7191734-7195472-7199001

United States Interests Section (Embassy of Belgium)

Babel Quarter 929/7/57 (Opp. Ministry of Foreign
Affairs Club)
Telex: 212287
Phone: 7196139-7196138

U.S.S.R.

Mutanabi Quarter 605/5/4
Phone: 5514749-5514754

Vatican

Wihda, Irkhiteh 904/2/46
P.O. Box: 2090

Venezuela

Mansour Quarter 60/12/1
P.O. Box: 6/100
Phone: 5520965-5520894

Vietnam

Andalous Quarter (Mansour) 611/17/-
Phone: 5511388-5513409

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Yugoslavia

Babel Quarter 923/35/16
Telex: 213521
P.O. Box: 2061
Phone: 7767887

C. United Nations Offices/International
Organizations

FAO

Babel Quarter (Al-Jadriah) 923/15/1
Telex: 212699
P.O. Box: 163
Phone: 7766435 (4 lines)

UNDP

Abu Nuwas Quarter 102/17/153
Telex: 212271
Phone: 8874321 (5 lines)

UNICEF

Masbah, Babel Quarter 929/5/6,7
Telex: 2271
P.O. Box: 10036 (Karradah)
Phone: 7197921