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Globalization in the Countries of ESCWA Region
Fourth session
Beirut, 7-8 March 2005

Item 4 of the provisional agenda

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Monday, 7 March 2005

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| 9 - 10 a.m. | Registration of participants |
| 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | <p><u>Item 1</u> Opening of the fourth session.</p> <p><u>Item 2</u> Election of officers.</p> <p><u>Item 3</u> Adoption of the agenda.</p> <p><u>Item 4</u> Proposed organization of work.</p> <p><u>Item 5</u> General debate on recent developments related to liberalization of foreign trade and economic globalization:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Negotiation process since the Fifth WTO Ministerial Conference till the conclusion of the July 2004 package, representative of ESCWA; (b) Ongoing negotiations on issues of the July 2004 Package, representative of the World Trade Organization; (c) Expected impact of the July 2004 Package on the developing countries, with particular emphasis on Arab countries, representative of UNCTAD. |
| 3 - 5.30 p.m. | <p><u>Item 6</u> Review of work related to liberalization of foreign trade and economic globalization carried out since the third session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Follow-up on the recommendations of the third session of the Committee; (b) Progress made in implementing related activities in the period between the third and fourth sessions of the Committee; (c) Advisory services and technical cooperation. |

Tuesday, 8 March 2005

- 9 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. Item 5 General debate (*continued*)
- (a) Priorities of Arab countries related to liberalization of foreign trade and economic globalization:
- (i) Issues related to trade in textile;
- (ii) Issues related to intellectual property;
- (iii) Issues related to agriculture;
- (iv) Issues related to market access for non-agricultural goods.
- Item 7 Roundtable: preparations for the Sixth WTO Ministerial Conference.
- 2.30 - 4.30 p.m. Item 8 Proposed programme of activities and priorities for the biennium 2006-2007 in the field of liberalization of foreign trade and economic globalization.
- Item 9 Time and venue of the fifth session of the Committee.
- Item 10 Other issues.
- Item 11 Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fourth session.

Note: Should the discussion of any agenda item take less time than has been allocated thereto, discussion shall proceed to the next agenda item.