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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Opening of the session

The session of the Technical Committee will be officially opened by the distinguished representative of the Government of Iraq at 10 a.m. on 31 March 1987 in ESCWA headquarters, after which the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia will make a statement.

Item 2. Election of officers

The Commission's provisional rules of procedure are applicable to subsidiary bodies as far as appropriate. Thus, rule 12 of the Commission's provisional rules of procedure provides for the election, from among the representatives of its members, of a chairman, two vice-chairmen and a rapporteur.

Item 3. Adoption of the agenda

The Technical Committee will have before it the provisional agenda (E/ESCWA/C.1/14/L.1/Rev.2) and the annotated provisional agenda (E/ESCWA/C.1/14/L.1/Rev.2/Add.1). In drawing up the provisional agenda for the fifth session of the Technical Committee, the Executive Secretary has been guided by Commission resolution 114(IX) on the ECWA Medium-Term Plan for the period 1984-1989, in which the terms of reference of the Technical Committee were established as follows:

"(a) The Committee shall function as the main subsidiary organ of the Commission for reviewing, planning, programming, evaluation and co-ordination;

(b) The Committee shall:

- (i) Review the programmes of the United Nations Economic Commission for Western Asia as defined in the Medium-Term Plan;
- (ii) Review the totality of the work programmes(s) of the Commission in the light of the availability of resources;
- (iii) Recommend an order of priorities among the programmes and subprogrammes of the United Nations Economic Commission for Western Asia as defined in the Medium-Term Plan;
- (iv) Give guidance to the Executive Secretary on the design of the programme".

The Executive Secretary was also guided by Commission resolution 125(XI) which adds to the terms of reference of the above-mentioned Committee "the discussion of the items on the provisional agenda of the annual session in preparation for the Commission's meeting at the ministerial level."

The Committee may wish to adopt the provisional agenda contained in document E/ESCWA/C.1/14/L.1/Rev.2 as it stands, or amend it in accordance with rule 9 of the Commission's provisional rules of procedure.

Item 4. Organization of work

In this connection, the Committee will have before it document E/ESCWA/C.1/14/2 which contains proposals that the Committee may decide to adopt for the organization of its work.

Item 5. Invitation to States Members of the United Nations or of the specialized agencies not members of the Commission to participate in a consultative capacity in the fifth session of the Technical Committee

The Committee will have before it for its consideration document E/ESCWA/C.1/14/3 regarding applications received from States Members of the United Nations or of the specialized agencies not members of the Commission to participate in a consultative capacity in the fifth session of the Technical Committee in accordance with paragraph 4 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1818(LV) and rule 63 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Commission.

Item 6. Report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Commission

The activities of the Commission during the past year are reported under sub-items (a) and (b):

(a) Progress made in the implementation of the work programme for the period 1986-1987

Under this sub-item the Committee will have before it documents E/ESCWA/C.1/14/4(Parts 1-2) and Add.1-3.

Document E/ESCWA/C.1/14/4 contains an account of the progress made by ESCWA divisions and units towards the implementation of the work programme for the period 1986-1987 and in carrying out the activities undertaken by the Commission at the request of its member States and/or the United Nations Headquarters. The document also covers technical co-operation activities including regional advisory services extended by the secretariat to its member countries.

Documents E/ESCWA/C.1/14/4/Add.1-3 contain reports to the Commission prepared as mandated under various programme elements or as considered appropriate in the light of the progress of the activity.

(b) Follow-up action on the resolutions of the Commission

A summary of the action taken in implementation of resolutions adopted by the Commission at its twelfth and thirteenth sessions is contained in the following documents:

- (i) Commission resolution 138(XII) on the Transport and Communications Decade for Asia and the Pacific (see document E/ESCWA/C.1/14/5/Add.1);
- (ii) Commission resolution 142(XIII) on the programme of work and priorities for the period 1986-1987 (see document E/ESCWA/C.1/14/5/Add.2);
- (iii) Commission resolution 143(XIII) on activities in the telecommunications sector (see document E/ESCWA/C.1/14/5/Add.3);
- (iv) Commission resolution 144(XIII) on the filling of vacancies in the secretariat (see document E/ESCWA/C.1/14/5/Add.4);
- (v) Commission resolution 145(XIII) on economic and social conditions of the Palestinian Arab people under occupation (see document E/ESCWA/C.1/14/5/Add.5);
- (vi) Commission resolution 146(XIII) on the general study of the economic and social situation and potential of the Palestinian people (see document E/ESCWA/C.1/14/5/Add.6);
- (vii) Commission resolution 147(XIII) on the United Nations Conference for the Promotion of International Co-operation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy (see document E/ESCWA/C.1/14/5/Add.7);

- (viii) Commission resolution 148(XIII) concerning interregional consultation on developmental social welfare policies and programmes (see document E/ESCWA/C.1/14/5/Add.8);
- (ix) Commission resolution 149(XIII) on the financial status of the Commission (see document E/ESCWA/C.1/14/5/Add.9);
- (x) Commission resolution 150(XIII) on policy issues affecting operational activities of the United Nations system for development: 1986 triennial review (see document E/ESCWA/C.1/14/5/Add.10);
- (xi) Commission resolution 152(XIII) on the request for the relocation of the Commission (see document E/ESCWA/C.1/14/5/Add.11);
- (xii) Commission resolution 153(XIII) on the amendment of the provisional rules of procedures of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (see document E/ESCWA/C.1/14/5/Add.12).

Item 7. Follow-up action at the regional level on United Nations world conferences and ESCWA regional meetings

The Committee will have before it document E/ESCWA/C.1/14/6 on follow-up action at the regional level to the following world conferences and regional meetings.

- (a) Regional Intergovernmental Technical Meeting on New and Renewable Sources of Energy;
- (b) Second Meeting of the Heads of Central Statistical Organizations in the ESCWA Region;
- (d) Intergovernmental Technical Meeting on Food Security.

Item 8. Co-operation among developing countries and regional organizations

The Commission will have before it document E/ESCWA/C.1/14/7 in which the secretariat reports on its activities undertaken in support of economic and technical co-operation among developing countries (TCDC/ECDC) and regional organizations.

Item 9. Draft programme of work and priorities for the biennium 1988-1989

The Committee will have before it document E/ESCWA/C.1/14/8 on the programme of work and priorities for the period 1988-1989 proposed by the Executive Secretary. The outcome of the discussions at the fourteenth session of ESCWA will be communicated to the United Nations bodies concerned for consideration in their review of the draft programme.

Item 10. Draft medium-term plan for the period 1990-1995

The Committee will have before it document E/ESCWA/C.1/14/9 containing a proposed framework for the Medium-Term Plan 1990-1995 in which programme priorities are set out for its consideration.

Item 11. Discussion of the items on the provisional agenda of the ministerial meeting of the fourteenth session of the Commission

ECWA resolution 125(XI) provides that the Technical Committee shall discuss the provisional agenda in preparation for the Commission's meeting at the ministerial level.

The report of the Technical Committee to the Commission at its fourteenth session shall contain any recommendation on the agenda of the ministerial meeting which the Technical Committee may wish to present to the session for approval.

Item 12. Other matters

Under this item the Committee may wish to include any other matter related to the agenda items.

Item 13. Adoption of the report of the Committee

The Committee will submit its report (E/ESCWA/C.1/14/11) for adoption by the Commission at its fourteenth session.

