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1. Opening of the ministerial session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Proposed organization of work.
5. Invitation to States Members of the United Nations or of the specialized agencies not members of the Commission to participate in the capacity of observer in the nineteenth session of the Commission.
6. Discussion and adoption of the final report of the Technical Committee on its tenth session:
 - (a) Report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Commission:
 - (i) Progress made during 1996 in the implementation of the programme of work for the biennium 1996-1997, parts I and II (regular programme and technical cooperation activities);
 - (ii) Follow-up action on the resolutions of the Commission adopted at its eighteenth session on the establishment of a committee on energy and a committee on water resources, and reports and recommendations of the specialized committees established pursuant to previous resolutions on statistics and social development;
 - a. Resolution 204 (XVIII) on the establishment of a committee on energy in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia;
 - b. Resolution 205 (XVIII) on the establishment of a committee on water resources in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia;

- c. Recommendations of the Statistical Committee and the Committee on Social Development;
 - (iii) Preparation and follow-up action at the regional level on United Nations world conferences and ESCWA regional meetings;
 - (b) Medium-term plan of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia for the period 1998-2001;
 - (c) Draft programme of work and priorities for the biennium 1998-1999;
 - (d) Financial status of the Commission's programmes;
 - (e) Report on the Advisory Committee established pursuant to resolution 175 (XV) on the strengthening of the role and performance of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia;
 - (f) Report on the regional role of ESCWA in the coordination of the activities of the United Nations agencies.
7. Report on programme and organizational changes and modifications made by ESCWA since 1994.
 8. Current issues of importance to the ESCWA region: the World Trade Organization.
 9. Progress made in facilitating the move of ESCWA to its permanent site in Beirut, Lebanon.
 10. Call for the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Commission, to be held in conjunction with the twentieth session of ESCWA in 1999, and discussion of the role of the Commission in the coming century in view of international and regional development.
 11. Date and venue of the twentieth session of the Commission.
 12. Other matters.
 13. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its nineteenth session.

