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Item 3 of the provisional agenda

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the Technical Committee session

The tenth session of the Technical Committee will be officially opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 5 May 1997 and will continue through Tuesday, 6 May 1997, at the Pyramids Conference Hall of the Coral Beach Hotel in Beirut. The Chairman of the ninth session or his/her representative will preside.

2. Election of officers

The Commission's rules of procedure are applicable to subsidiary bodies as appropriate. Thus, by virtue of rule 12, the Technical Committee shall elect, from among the representatives of its members, a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen, and a Rapporteur.

3. Adoption of the agenda

The Technical Committee will have before it the provisional agenda (E/ESCWA/C.1/19/L.1) and the present annotated provisional agenda (E/ESCWA/C.1/19/L.1/Add.1). The Committee may wish to adopt the provisional agenda as it stands, or amend it in accordance with rule 9 of the Commission's rules of procedure.

4. Proposed organization of work

The Committee will have before it document E/ESCWA/C.1/19/L.2, which contains proposals that the Committee may decide to adopt for the organization of its 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 tenth session of the Technical Committee

The Committee will have before it for its consideration document E/ESCWA/C.1/19/3 regarding applications received from 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 tenth session of the Technical Committee in accordance with paragraph 4 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1818 (LV) and rule 63 of the rules of procedures of the Commission.

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

Under this item the activities of the Commission are reported as follows:

(a) Progress made during 1996 in the implementation of the programme of work for the biennium 1996-1997 (regular programme and technical cooperation activities) (E/ESCWA/C.1/19/4(Part I)/Add.1-7 and E/ESCWA/C.1/19/4(Part II))

(b) Follow-up action on the resolutions of the Commission adopted at its eighteenth session

A summary of the action taken in implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Commission at its eighteenth session is contained in the following documents:

(i) Resolution 204 (XVIII) on the establishment of a committee on energy in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (E/ESCWA/C.1/19/5);

(ii) Resolution 205 (XVIII) on the establishment of a committee on water resources in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (E/ESCWA/C.1/19/5/Add.1);

(c) Recommendations of the Statistical Committee and the Committee on Social Development (E/ESCWA/C.1/19/6)

This document contains a summary of the main achievements of the above-mentioned specialized committees.

(d) Preparation and follow-up action at the regional level on United Nations world conferences and ESCWA regional meetings (E/ESCWA/C.1/19/7)

This document reviews preparation and follow-up action on world conferences and regional meetings held during the period elapsed since the eighteenth session of the Commission.

(e) Proposed medium-term plan of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia for the period 1998-2001 (E/ESCWA/C.1/19/8)

Under this item, the Committee will have before it a report by the Executive Secretary containing details on ESCWA programmes concerned with the development issues and challenges facing the region during the period 1998-2001.

(f) Draft programme of work and priorities for the biennium 1998-1999 (E/ESCWA/C.1/19/9)

Under this item, the Committee will have before it a report by the Executive Secretary enumerating in detail all the activities proposed for the Commission's subprogrammes for the biennium 1998-1999.

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- (g) Financial status of the Commission's programmes (E/ESCWA/C.1/19/10)

This document shows the various financial aspect of the Commission's programmes.

- (h) The regional role of ESCWA in the coordination of the activities of the United Nations agencies

Document E/ESCWA/C.1/19/11 contains a review of the action taken by the secretariat of the Commission to strengthen the coordination and integration of activities of the United Nations agencies at the regional level.

- (i) 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 (E/ESCWA/C.1/19/12)

This document contains a summary of the work of the Advisory Committee during the elapsed period.

7. Provisional agenda of the nineteenth ministerial session of ESCWA and the appropriate recommendations

The Committee will have before it the provisional agenda of the ministerial session for discussion and appropriate action.

8. Other matters

This item covers any other matters that member countries may wish to discuss.

9. Adoption of the report of the Technical Committee on its tenth session (E/ESCWA/C.1/19/14)

The Committee will submit its report for adoption by the Commission at its nineteenth session.

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