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Item 3 of the provisional agenda

### ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

#### 1. Opening of the Technical Committee session

The eleventh session of the Technical Committee will be officially opened at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 25 May 1999, and will continue through Wednesday, 26 May 1999, at ESCWA headquarters in Beirut. The Chairman of the tenth session or his 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.1/20/L.1) and the present annotated provisional agenda. 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.1/20/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 and/or of the specialized agencies not members of the Commission to participate in the capacity of observer in the eleventh session of the Technical Committee

The Committee will have before it for its consideration document E/ESCWA/C.1/20/3 regarding applications received from States Members of the United Nations and/or of the specialized agencies not members of the Commission to participate in the capacity of observer in the eleventh 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 procedure 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 1998 in the implementation of the programme of work for the biennium 1998-1999 (regular programme and technical cooperation activities) (E/ESCWA/C.1/20/4 (Part I) and Add.1 and 2 and E/ESCWA/C.1/20/4 (Part II))

The documents under this item present an overview of achievements for the implementation of the programme of work in 1998 and the problems encountered.

- (b) Follow-up action on the resolutions of the Commission adopted at its nineteenth session (E/ESCWA/C.1/20/5)

A summary of the action taken in the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Commission at its nineteenth session on various aspects of the work of ESCWA is contained in the following six documents:

- (i) Resolution 209 (XIX) on the programme of work and priorities for the biennium 1996-1997 (E/ESCWA/C.1/20/5/Add.1);
- (ii) Resolution 210 (XIX) on the medium-term plan of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia for the period 1998-2001 (E/ESCWA/C.1/20/5/Add.2);
- (iii) Resolution 211 (XIX) on the draft programme of work and priorities for the biennium 1998-1999 (E/ESCWA/C.1/20/5/Add.3);
- (iv) Resolution 213 (XIX) on the establishment of a committee on transport in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (E/ESCWA/C.1/20/5/Add.4);
- (v) Resolution 214 (XIX) on the establishment of a technical committee on liberalization of foreign trade and economic globalization in the countries of the ESCWA region (E/ESCWA/C.1/20/5/Add.5);
- (vi) Resolution 217 (XIX) on the call for the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, to be held in 1999 in conjunction with its twentieth session, and discussion of the role of the Commission in the coming century in view of global and regional developments (E/ESCWA/C.1/20/5/Add.6).

- (c) Follow-up action at the regional level on United Nations world conferences and ESCWA regional meetings (E/ESCWA/C.1/20/6)

This document covers follow-up action on four world conferences and regional meetings in the field of social development held during the period elapsed since the nineteenth session of the Commission.

- (d) Summaries of reports of sessions of the Commission's subsidiary bodies (E/ESCWA/C.1/20/7)

This document includes summaries of seven reports of sessions presented by the Commission's subsidiary bodies.

(e) Draft programme of work and priorities for the biennium 2000-2001 (E/ESCWA/C.1/20/8)

Under this item, the Committee will have before it a report by the Executive Secretary on the orientation of the draft programme of work and priorities for the biennium 2000-2001 and related outputs for both the regular programme and technical cooperation activities.

(f) ESCWA draft medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (E/ESCWA/C.1/20/9)

Under this item, the Committee will have before it a report by the Executive Secretary containing the draft medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, which outlines the overall strategy and objectives of ESCWA that govern the orientation of its programme of work during the period covered by the medium-term plan.

(g) Financial status of the Commission's programmes (E/ESCWA/C.1/20/10)

This document shows the various financial aspects of the Commission's programmes, including the regular budget, extrabudgetary resources, the Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities and the Trust Fund for the Operation of ESCWA in Beirut.

(h) Programme and organizational changes and modifications made by ESCWA since 1997 (E/ESCWA/C.1/20/11)

The Commission will have before it a report by the Executive Secretary on the changes introduced in the ESCWA secretariat since 1997.

7. Redesignation of the Technical Committee (E/ESCWA/C.1/20/12)

The Committee will have before it a document which contains a proposal to rename the Technical Committee.

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 eleventh session

The Committee will submit its report (E/ESCWA/C.1/20/13) for adoption by the Commission at its twentieth session.

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