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Programme changes for the biennium 2012-2013

1. In the introduction of agenda item 4(b) on programme changes for the biennium 2012-2013, the Executive Secretary noted that the consultation on the development agenda beyond 2015, entitled “Development for all: stop conflicts, develop States and eradicate poverty”, which was held in Dili, from 25 to 28 February 2013, in partnership with the Government of Timor Leste and the Group of Seven plus fragile and conflict-affected States, was an accomplishment that had not been foreseen at the time the current programme of work was adopted. That meeting, which was funded through additional resources approved by the General Assembly for the implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, ensured that the voices and priorities of fragile States were heard at the Fourth Meeting of the High-level Panel of Eminent Persons on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, which was held in Bali, Indonesia, from 25 to 28 March 2013, and reflected in the report of the panel to the Secretary-General. Those resources also enabled a higher level of participation from the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States at the Asian and Pacific Regional Implementation Meeting on Rio+20 Outcomes, which was held in Bangkok from 22 to 24 April 2013.

2. The Commission noted that no programme changes had been identified for the biennium 2012-2013 subsequent to the latest revision of the programme of work approved by the Commission at its sixty-eighth session.¹

¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2012, Supplement No. 19* (E/2012/39-E/ESCAP/68/24), paras. 246-249.