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PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Tuesday, 29 June 1999

- 08:45 – 09:30 Registration
- 09:30 – 10:00 Opening Session (agenda item 1)
- Opening statements
- The Executive Secretary of ESCWA, Dr. Hazem El-Beblawi
 - Her Excellency State Minister of Environment, Egypt, Ms. Nadia Makram Obid
 - His Excellency Minister of Electricity and Energy, Egypt, Mr. M. Maher Abaza

10:00 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 10:45 Adoption of the agenda and organization of work (agenda item 2)

THEME I. ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATIONS AND STANDARDS IN THE ESCWA ENERGY SECTOR

Chairman: Mr. Omar Touqan - ESCWA

Rapporteur: Ms. Najat el-Kandari - Kuwait

10:45 – 11:45 Towards harmonization of environmental standards in the energy sector of ESCWA member States - ESCWA (agenda item 3)
presented by: Ms. Anhar Hegazi, ESCWA

11:45 – 12:15 Conceptual approach for the harmonization of environmental legislation - ESCWA (agenda item 3)
presented by: Mr. Hosny Khordagui, ESCWA

12:15 – 12:45 Discussions

12:45 – 13:00 Break

PRESENTATION OF COUNTRY PAPERS

Chairman: Ms. Anhar Hegazi -ESCWA

Rapporteur: Mr. Shafic Abisaid - Lebanon

13:00 – 13:20 Country paper of Egypt - EEAA and EEA (agenda item 4)
presented by: Mr. Ibrahim Abdel Gelil,
Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency

13:20 – 13:40 Country paper of Iraq (agenda item 4)
presented by: Mr. Mohamad Selman Khalil
Ministry of Industry and Minerals

13:40 – 14:00	Country paper of Palestine (agenda item 4) presented by: Mr. Yehia Shamia Palestinian Energy Authority
14:00 -- 14:20	Country paper of Saudi Arabia (agenda item 4) presented by: Mr. Khaled Mously, Meteorology and Environmental Protection Administration
14:20—14:40	Country paper of Yemen (agenda item 4) presented by: Mr. Nagib Mansour El-Ouj, Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources
14:40 – 15:30	Discussions

Wednesday, 30 June 1999

**THEME II. ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATIONS AND
STANDARDS IN THE ESCWA POWER SECTOR**

Chairman: Mr. Mohamad Awad - Egypt

Rapporteur: Mr. Mohamad Kordab - ESCWA

08:30 – 09:00	The Egyptian experience in applying environmental standards and norms in the areas of electric power generation, transmission and distribution - ESCWA (agenda item 3) presented by: Mr. Maher Aziz Bedrous Egyptian Electricity Authority
09:00 – 09:30	Environmental standards and power quality evaluation - ESCWA (agenda item 3) presented by: Mr. Ibrahim El-Mohr, ESCWA
09:30 – 10:00	The energy relevant environmental issues in the power and industrial sectors of Lebanon - ESCWA (agenda item 3) presented by: Mr. Chafic Abisaid Electricite du Liban
10:00 – 10:30	Environmental considerations in Saudi Arabia power generation expansion plans (agenda item 3) presented by: Mr. Othman Alnatheer King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology
10:30—10:50	The Project on energy efficiency and GHG reduction in the electricity sector of Egypt (agenda item 6) presented by: Mr. Yehia Abu-Alam UN-Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)

10:50 – 11:30	Discussions
11:30 – 12:00	Break

THEME III. ENVIRONMENTAL NORMS, STANDARDS AND PRACTICES, THE RELEVANCE TO INDUSTRY AND TRANSPORT SECTORS

Chairman: Mr. Khaled Mously – Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Rapporteur: Mr. Mohamad Khalil Sheikhi – Syrian Arab Republic

12:00 – 12:20	Assessment of transport related pollution in the ESCWA region - ESCWA (agenda item 3) presented by: Mr. Bassam Annani, ESCWA
12:20 – 12:50	The energy relevant environmental issues in the industrial sector, the case of Egypt - ESCWA (agenda item 3) presented by: Mr. Ahmed Amin Abdel-Magid Tabbin Institute for Metallurgical Studies
12:50 – 13:10	Paper on the enforcement of energy related norms and practices for a cleaner environment (agenda item 5) presented by: Mr. Riad Chedid
13:10 – 13:30	The impact of environmental policies on energy market (agenda item 5) presented by: Mr. Mohamed El-Shami
13:30 – 13:50	Activities of the Commission on Sustainable Development (agenda item 6) presented by: Mr. Kui-Nang Mak Energy and Transport Branch, UN-DESA
13:50 – 14:10	Energy and Environment presented by: Mr. Saleh Al-Share (agenda item 5)
14:10 – 15:00	Discussions

Thursday, 1 July 1999

PRESENTATION OF COUNTRY PAPERS

Chairman: Mr. Bassam Annani - ESCWA

Rapporteur: Mr. Najib Mansour El-Ouj - Yemen

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| 08:30 – 08:50 | Country paper of Jordan (agenda item 4)
presented by: Mr. Khaled Shridah
Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources |
| 08:50 – 09:10 | Country paper of Syria (agenda item 4)
presented by: Mr. Mohamad Khalil Sheikhi
Ministry of Electricity |
| 09:10 -- 0920 | Country paper of Oman (agenda 4)
presented by: Mr. Hamdan Bin Nasser El-Hassany
Ministry of Regional Municipalities and Environment |
| 09:20 – 11:00 | Round-table Discussion on Problems and Prospects for development
and harmonization of environmental standards in the energy sector
(agenda item 7) |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Break |
| 11:30 – 12:00 | Conclusions and recommendations (agenda item 8) |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | Adoption of the final report (agenda item 9) |