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Item 3 of the provisional agenda

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA\***

1. Opening of the twenty-first session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda.
4. Proposed organization of 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 twenty-first session of the Commission.
6. Consideration and adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on the activities of the Commission:
  - (a) Implementation of the programme of work for the biennium 1998-1999 (regular programme and technical cooperation activities);
  - (b) Progress made during 2000 in the implementation of the programme of work for the biennium 2000-2001 (regular programme and technical cooperation activities);
  - (c) Follow-up action at the regional level on United Nations world conferences;
  - (d) Summaries of reports of sessions of the Commission's subsidiary bodies;
  - (e) Draft programme of work and priorities for the biennium 2002-2003;
  - (f) Financial status of the Commission's programmes.
7. The role of ESCWA in the coordination of regional activities of the United Nations system.
8. Adoption of the Agreement on International Roads in the Arab Mashreq.
9. Efforts to combat HIV/AIDS in the ESCWA region.

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\* A separate provisional agenda for the meetings of the Preparatory Committee, to be held on 8 and 9 May 2001, will be distributed prior to the commencement of those meetings.

10. Selected issues of importance for the future of the ESCWA region:
  - (a) Facilitation of international transport of goods in the ESCWA region;
  - (b) Strengthening expertise and networking in the field of foreign direct investment in ESCWA member countries;
  - (c) Sustainable development: the role of trade and environment;
  - (d) Information technology and development;
  - (e) Social policy for sustainable development.
11. Mobilization of extrabudgetary resources:
  - (a) ESCWA policy on the mobilization of extrabudgetary resources;
  - (b) Report on the use of extrabudgetary resources.
12. Date and venue of the twenty-second session of the Commission.
13. Other matters.
14. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its twenty-first session.

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