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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the session
2. Election of officers
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Proposed organization of work
5. Review of the progress made in the implementation of the programmes of work for the bienniums 1998-1999 and 2000-2001 by the Energy, Natural Resources and Environment Division in the field of water resources
6. Presentation to the Committee of the draft general orientations for the programme of work for the biennium 2002-2003 in the field of water resources
7. Brief presentation of the work and recommendations of international and regional conferences and training workshops on water resources in which the Natural Resources Section participated during the biennium 1999-2000
8. Brief presentation of the recommendations of the Expert Group Meeting on Legal Aspects of the Management of Shared Water Resources in the Region, held at Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, on 8 to 11 June 2000, and progress made in the implementation of those recommendations
9. Discussion of a proposal concerning the formation of a number of working groups specializing in water-related issues of importance to the ESCWA region:
 - (a) Reform policies in the water sector
 - (b) Development of a mechanism for cooperation in the field of shared ground water
 - (c) Development of a database on water resources in the ESCWA region
10. ESCWA advisory services in the field of water resource development:
 - (a) Presentation of the report of the regional adviser on water resources concerning the water situation in the ESCWA countries
 - (b) Brief presentation of the progress of work on the German technical cooperation project for the water programme in the ESCWA region, with particular attention to subregional cooperation in the field of shared ground water

- (c) Brief presentation of the progress of work on the joint ESCWA/BGR (Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources of Germany) project entitled "Advisory services to ESCWA and the ESCWA member countries" for the water programme in the ESCWA region, with particular attention to subregional cooperation in the field of shared ground water

11. New matters

12. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fourth session