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**REVIEW OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE BIENNIUM 2004-2005
IN THE FIELD OF TRANSPORT**

1. The Programme of Work for the biennium 2004-2005 is being undertaken by the Globalization and Regional Integration Division transport team and the recently formed maritime transport team.

2. The Programme includes a variety of activities in the following fields:

1. *The provision of technical services to intergovernmental bodies
and expert meetings*

(a) *The provision of technical services to meetings*

- (i) The provision of technical services to the fifth session of the Committee on Transport;
- (ii) The provision of technical services to the sixth session of the Committee on Transport.

(b) *Documents to be submitted to the legislative institution*

- (i) Submission to ESCWA of the report on the fifth session of the Committee on Transport;
- (ii) Submission to ESCWA of the report on the sixth session of the Committee on Transport.

(c) *Other services*

- (i) Expert Group Meeting on Transport Facilitation for Regional Integration;
- (ii) Expert Group Meeting on Maritime Transport in the ESCWA Region – Prospects for Cooperation. (ESCWA is implementing the Integrated Transport System in the Arab Mashreq (ITSAM), of which maritime transport is one of the components. A post has therefore been created, the incumbent of which is responsible for maritime transport. That post constitutes one part of the Programme of Work for the biennium 2004-2005.)

2. *Other technical activities*

(a) *Recurrent publications*

- (i) The methodological framework for the Integrated Transport System in the Arab Mashreq (ITSAM Framework), Vol. 4;
- (ii) Contribution to the Annual Review of Developments in Globalization and Regional Integration in the Countries of the ESCWA Region, Nos. 3 and 4.

(b) *Non-recurrent publications*

- (i) Action plan for implementation of the Agreement on International Roads in the Arab Mashreq;
- (ii) Report on follow-up action relating to adoption and implementation of the Agreement on International Railways in the Arab Mashreq;
- (iii) Report on follow-up action relating to cooperation in the field of maritime transport in the Arab Mashreq;
- (iv) Contribution to the study on the facilitation of trade in the countries of the ESCWA region;
- (v) Study on road traffic safety. (This activity was added on the recommendation of the fourth session of the Committee on Transport, which urged the Commission to include the field of transport safety in its future programmes of work and pursuant to General Assembly resolution 58/9 of 5 November 2003 on the Global Road Safety Crisis);
- (vi) Study on the development of cooperation in the field of maritime transport in the ESCWA region. (ESCWA is implementing the Integrated Transport System in the Arab Mashreq (ITSAM), of which maritime transport is one of the components. A post has therefore been created, the incumbent of which is responsible for maritime transport. That post constitutes one part of the programme of work for the biennium 2004-2005);
- (vii) Study on the development of institutional structures and legal frameworks for the transport sector in the ESCWA member countries. (This activity was added at the request of the Ministry of Transport in Saudi Arabia).

(c) *Electronic issuances and audio-visual materials*

- (i) Maintenance of the database for the integrated transport system in the Arab Mashreq;
- (ii) Development and regular updating of Globalization and Regional Integration page on the ESCWA Web site.

3. *Technical cooperation*

Field projects

- (i) Capacity building through cooperation in developing regional land and land-sea transport linkages;
- (ii) Development of the information system for the integrated transport system in the Arab Mashreq;
- (iii) Capacity building in trade facilitation and electronic business in the Mediterranean region. (Approval has been given for this project to be extended to the end of 2004.)