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PROPOSED PROGRAMME CHANGES FOR THE BIENNIUM 2006-2007

Note by the secretariat

SUMMARY

The present document contains proposed changes to the programme of work, 2006-2007. The changes are necessitated by new mandates adopted by the Commission at its sixty-first session, as well as the emerging global priorities identified by the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly and other global conferences since the Commission adopted the draft programme of work, 2006-2007 at its sixty-first session.

The major changes result from Commission resolution 61/1 of 18 May 2005 on the mid-term review concerning the functioning of the conference structure of the Commission. In this regard, the thematic committees will be retained to keep the work of ESCAP focused on three key thematic areas, poverty reduction, managing globalization and addressing emerging social issues. The work of the subcommittees will be subsumed under the respective thematic committees from 2006 onwards.

The changes have no additional regular programme budget implications.

The Commission may note that as the United Nations Secretariat moves from output-oriented reporting to results-based management, minor programme changes will be reflected in the ESCAP programme performance report at the end of the biennium.

The Commission is invited to consider the proposed changes with a view to endorsing them for incorporation in the programme of work, 2006-2007.

Outputs in the programme of work for the biennium 2006-2007	Proposed changes	Justification
Executive direction and management		
<i>Parliamentary documentation</i>		
	<u>Add:</u> Commission: report on issues related to least developed and landlocked developing countries (1) (2007)	Report prepared by the secretariat for consideration by the Special Body on Least Developed and Landlocked Developing Countries at its eighth session
Subprogramme 1: Poverty and development		
<i>Substantive servicing of meetings</i>		
Committee on Poverty Reduction: plenary (6) (2007)	<u>Modify to:</u> Committee on Poverty Reduction: plenary (8) (4 in 2006, 4 in 2007)	Chapter IV, Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-first session, 61/1 [Annual Report (29/4/04-18/5/05) (E/2005/39-E/ESCAP/1359)]
	<u>Delete:</u> Subcommittee on Poverty Reduction Practices: plenary (6) (2006)	Chapter IV, Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-first session, 61/1 [Annual Report (29/4/04-18/5/05) (E/2005/39-E/ESCAP/1359)].
<i>Parliamentary documentation</i>		
Committee on Poverty Reduction: report of the Committee on Poverty Reduction (1) (2007)	<u>Modify to:</u> Committee on Poverty Reduction: reports of the Committee on Poverty Reduction (2) (1 in 2006, 1 in 2007)	Chapter IV, Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-first session, 61/1 [Annual Report (29/4/04-18/5/05) (E/2005/39-E/ESCAP/1359)]
Committee on Poverty Reduction: report on priority economic policy issues and their impact on poverty reduction (1) (2007)	<u>Modify to:</u> Committee on Poverty Reduction: reports on priority economic policy issues and their impact on poverty reduction (2) (1 in 2006, 1 in 2007)	Chapter IV, Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-first session, 61/1 [Annual Report (29/4/04-18/5/05) (E/2005/39-E/ESCAP/1359)]

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	<u>Delete:</u> Subcommittee on Poverty Reduction Practices: report of the Subcommittee on Poverty Reduction Practices (1) (2006)	Chapter IV, Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-first session, 61/1 [Annual Report (29/4/04-18/5/05) (E/2005/39-E/ESCAP/1359)]
	<u>Delete:</u> Subcommittee on Poverty Reduction Practices: reports on issues in poverty reduction (1) (2006)	Chapter IV, Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-first session, 61/1 [Annual Report (29/4/04-18/5/05) (E/2005/39-E/ESCAP/1359)]
<i>Non-recurrent publication</i>		
	<u>Add:</u> Theme study on “Enhancing regional cooperation in infrastructure development, including that related to disaster management” (1) (2006)	Endorsed by the Commission at its sixty-first session [Annual Report (29/4/04-18/5/05) (E/2005/39-E/ESCAP/1359)], para. 341.
Subprogramme 2: Statistics		
<i>Substantive servicing of meetings</i>		
	<u>Delete:</u> Subcommittee on Statistics: plenary (6) (2006)	Chapter IV, Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-first session, 61/1 [Annual Report (29/4/04-18/5/05) (E/2005/39-E/ESCAP/1359)]
	<u>Add:</u> Committee on Poverty Reduction: plenary (4) (2 in 2006, 2 in 2007)	Chapter IV, Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-first session, 61/1 [Annual Report (29/4/04-18/5/05) (E/2005/39-E/ESCAP/1359)]

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<i>Parliamentary documentation</i>		
Committee on Poverty Reduction: report on issues related to poverty statistics (1) (2006)	<u>Modify to:</u> Committee on Poverty Reduction: reports on issues related to poverty statistics (2) (1 in 2006, 1 in 2007)	Chapter IV, Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-first session, 61/1 [Annual Report (29/4/04-18/5/05) (E/2005/39-E/ESCAP/1359)]
	<u>Delete:</u> Subcommittee on Statistics: report of the Subcommittee on Statistics (1) (2006)	Chapter IV, Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-first session, 61/1 [Annual Report (29/4/04-18/5/05) (E/2005/39-E/ESCAP/1359)]
	<u>Delete:</u> Subcommittee on Statistics: report on issues related to statistics (1) (2006)	Chapter IV, Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-first session, 61/1 [Annual Report (29/4/04-18/5/05) (E/2005/39-E/ESCAP/1359)]
<i>Non-recurrent publication</i>		
	<u>Add:</u> Update of the second regional progress report on the Millennium Development Goals (1) (2006) (XB)	To report on regional progress towards achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in collaboration with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).
<i>Exhibit</i>		
	<u>Delete:</u> Exhibit for the Subcommittee on Statistics (1) (2006)	Since the changes made in the conference structure of ESCAP, the Subcommittee on Statistics no longer exists.
<i>Technical material for outside users (databases, software, etc.)</i>		
	<u>Add:</u> Regional web portal on the Millennium Development Goals (1) (2006-2007) (RB/XB)	To present the most updated regional dataset, regional reports and documentation on the Millennium Development Goals. No regional web portal on the Millennium Development Goals is available.

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<i>Training courses, seminars and workshops</i>		
	<p><u>Add:</u> Statistical literacy and capacity-building for monitoring of the Millennium Development Goals and training of data users in using statistical indicators for policymaking (36 participants) (2006) (XB)</p>	<p>Early in 2005, UNDP invited ESCAP to implement a regional component of the global project on statistical literacy.</p>
<i>Field projects</i>		
	<p><u>Add:</u> Facilitation workshops for the preparation of national strategies for the development of statistics in Asia and the Pacific (1) (2006) (XB)</p>	<p>The absence in many countries of statistical master plans and the insufficient coordination among international donors have been identified by the Marrakech Action Plan for Statistics as being among the main deficiencies in monitoring development. Early in 2005, ESCAP was invited by Partnership in Development for Statistics (PARIS21) to implement a regional component of the global initiative to support the preparation of national strategies for the development of statistics.</p>
Subprogramme 3: Development of Pacific island countries and territories		
NO CHANGES		

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Subprogramme 4: Trade and investment		
<i>Substantive servicing of meetings</i>		
	<u>Delete:</u> Subcommittee on International Trade and Investment: plenary (6) (2006)	Chapter IV, Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-first session, 61/1 [Annual Report (29/4/04-18/5/05) (E/2005/39-E/ESCAP/1359)]
	<u>Add:</u> Committee on Managing Globalization, part I, plenary (6) (3 in 2006, 3 in 2007)	Chapter IV, Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-first session, 61/1 [Annual Report (29/4/04-18/5/05) (E/2005/39-E/ESCAP/1359)]
<i>Parliamentary documentation</i>		
Committee on Managing Globalization: report on issues related to trade and investment (1) (2007)	<u>Modify to:</u> Committee on Managing Globalization, part I, reports on issues related to trade and investment (2) (1 in 2006, 1 in 2007)	Chapter IV, Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-first session, 61/1 [Annual Report (29/4/04-18/5/05) (E/2005/39-E/ESCAP/1359)]
	<u>Delete:</u> Subcommittee on International Trade and Investment: report of the Subcommittee on International Trade and Investment (1) (2006)	Chapter IV, Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-first session, 61/1 [Annual Report (29/4/04-18/5/05) (E/2005/39-E/ESCAP/1359)]
	<u>Delete:</u> Subcommittee on International Trade and Investment: reports on issues related to trade, investment and enterprise development (1) (2006)	Chapter IV, Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-first session, 61/1 [Annual Report (29/4/04-18/5/05) (E/2005/39-E/ESCAP/1359)]

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<i>Assistance to intergovernmental bodies under their established mandates</i>		
Bangkok Agreement Standing Committee (2) (2006, 2007)	<u>Modify to:</u> Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement Standing Committee (2) (1 in 2006, 1 in 2007)	At its first session, held in Beijing on 2 November 2005, the Ministerial Council of the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement adopted the revised text and name "Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement" (APTA).
Ministerial Council of the Bangkok Agreement (1) (2007)	<u>Modify to:</u> Ministerial Council of the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement (1) (2007)	At its first session, held in Beijing on 2 November 2005, the Ministerial Council of the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement adopted the revised text and name, "Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement" (APTA).
<i>Field projects</i>		
	<u>Add:</u> Strengthening the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement (1) (2006-2007) (XB)	The Ministerial Council of the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement requested the secretariat to work towards the strengthening of APTA.
Subprogramme 5: Transport and tourism		
<i>Substantive servicing of meetings</i>		
Committee on Managing Globalization: plenary (6) (2007)	<u>Modify to:</u> Committee on Managing Globalization, part I, plenary (6) (3 in 2006, 3 in 2007)	Chapter IV, Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-first session, 61/1 [Annual Report (29/4/04-18/5/05) (E/2005/39-E/ESCAP/1359)]
<i>Parliamentary documentation</i>		
Committee on Managing Globalization: report of the Committee (1) (2007)	<u>Modify to:</u> Committee on Managing Globalization, part I, reports of the Committee on Managing Globalization (2) (1 in 2006, 1 in 2007)	Chapter IV, Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-first session, 61/1 [Annual Report (29/4/04-18/5/05) (E/2005/39-E/ESCAP/1359)]

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Committee on Managing Globalization: report on major issues relating to transport and tourism (1) (2007)	<u>Modify to:</u> Committee on Managing Globalization, part I, reports on major issues relating to transport and tourism (2) (1 in 2006, 1 in 2007)	Chapter IV, Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-first session, 61/1 [Annual Report (29/4/04-18/5/05) (E/2005/39-E/ESCAP/1359)]
Subprogramme 6: Environment and sustainable development		
<i>Substantive servicing of meetings</i>		
	<u>Add:</u> Committee on Managing Globalization, part II, plenary (6) (3 in 2006, 3 in 2007)	Chapter IV, Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-first session, 61/1 [Annual Report (29/4/04-18/5/05) (E/2005/39-E/ESCAP/1359)]
	<u>Delete:</u> Subcommittee on Environment and Sustainable Development: plenary (6) (2006)	Chapter IV, Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-first session, 61/1 [Annual Report (29/4/04-18/5/05) (E/2005/39-E/ESCAP/1359)]
<i>Parliamentary documentation</i>		
Committee on Managing Globalization: report on issues related to the environment and sustainable development (1) (2007)	<u>Modify to:</u> Committee on Managing Globalization, part II, reports on issues related to the environment and sustainable development (2) (1 in 2006, 1 in 2007)	Chapter IV, Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-first session, 61/1 [Annual Report (29/4/04-18/5/05) (E/2005/39-E/ESCAP/1359)]
	<u>Add:</u> Committee on Managing Globalization, part II, reports of the Committee on Managing Globalization (2) (1 in 2006, 1 in 2007)	Chapter IV, Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-first session, 61/1 [Annual Report (29/4/04-18/5/05) (E/2005/39-E/ESCAP/1359)]

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	<p><u>Delete:</u> Subcommittee on Environment and Sustainable Development: report of the Subcommittee on Environment and Sustainable Development (1) (2006)</p>	<p>Chapter IV, Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-first session, 61/1 [Annual Report (29/4/04-18/5/05) (E/2005/39-E/ESCAP/1359)]</p>
	<p><u>Delete:</u> Subcommittee on Environment and Sustainable Development: report on issues related to the environment and sustainable development (1) (2006)</p>	<p>Chapter IV, Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-first session, 61/1 [Annual Report (29/4/04-18/5/05) (E/2005/39-E/ESCAP/1359)]</p>
<i>Recurrent publication</i>		
<p>Water Resources Series: <i>Guidelines on Water Management, Water Quality and Poverty Reduction in Follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development</i> (1) (2006) (RB)</p>	<p><u>Modify to:</u> <i>Non-recurrent publication: Follow-up to the World Summit on Sustainable Development: Implementation of the Regional Implementation Plan for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific, 2006-2010, adopted by the Fifth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific</i> (1) (2006) (RB)</p>	<p>To provide better support in the implementation of resolution 61/9 on the Fifth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific</p>

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<p>Energy Resources Development Series: <i>Energy and Climate Change in Asia and the Pacific: Lessons Learned and Policy Implications</i> (1) (2007) (RB)</p>	<p><u>Modify to:</u> <i>Climate Change Action in Asia and the Pacific: Lessons Learned and Policy Implications</i> (1) (2007) (RB)</p>	<p>Strengthened focus on climate change actions reflecting the recommendations made at the Fifth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific</p>
<p><i>Training courses, seminars and workshops</i></p>		
<p>Workshops on improving environmental performance through the implementation of multilateral environmental agreements related to sustainable development (40 participants) (2006-2007) (RB/XB)</p>	<p><u>Modify to:</u> Workshops on improving environmental performance through the implementation of the Ministerial Declaration and the Regional Implementation Plan for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific, 2006-2010, adopted by the Fifth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific, as well as other international agreements related to sustainable development (120 participants) (2006-2007) (RB/XB)</p>	<p>To provide better support in the implementation of resolution 61/9 on the Fifth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Development in Asia and the Pacific.</p>

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Group training on integrated water resources management, including water efficiency, demand-side management, water quality and water-related disaster management (160 participants) (2006-2007) (RB/XB)	<u>Modify to:</u> Group training on integrated water resources management, including water efficiency, demand-side management, water quality and water-related disaster management (80 participants) (2006-2007) (RB/XB)	The number of participants for this group training needs to be reduced by 80, to accommodate the increased number of participants in the above workshops.
Subprogramme 7: Information, communication and space technology		
<i>Substantive servicing of meetings</i>		
	<u>Add:</u> Committee on Managing Globalization, part II, plenary (6) (3 in 2006, 3 in 2007)	Chapter IV, Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-first session, 61/1 [Annual Report (29/4/04-18/5/05) (E/2005/39-E/ESCAP/1359)]
	<u>Delete:</u> Subcommittee on Information, Communication and Space Technology: plenary (6) (2006)	Chapter IV, Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-first session, 61/1 [Annual Report (29/4/04-18/5/05) (E/2005/39-E/ESCAP/1359)]
<i>Parliamentary documentation</i>		
Committee on Managing Globalization: report related to cross-cutting issues on information, communication and space technology (1) (2007)	<u>Modify to:</u> Committee on Managing Globalization, part II, reports related to cross-cutting issues on information, communication and space technology (2) (1 in 2006, 1 in 2007)	Chapter IV, Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-first session, 61/1 [Annual Report (29/4/04-18/5/05) (E/2005/39-E/ESCAP/1359)]

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	<u>Delete:</u> Subcommittee on Information, Communication and Space Technology: report of the Subcommittee on Information, Communication and Space Technology (1) (2006)	Chapter IV, Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-first session, 61/1 [Annual Report (29/4/04-18/5/05) (E/2005/39-E/ESCAP/1359)]
	<u>Delete:</u> Subcommittee on Information, Communication and Space Technology: reports on issues related to information, communication and space technology (1) (2006)	Chapter IV, Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-first session, 61/1 [Annual Report (29/4/04-18/5/05) (E/2005/39-E/ESCAP/1359)]
Subprogramme 8: Social development, including persistent emerging social issues		
<i>Substantive servicing of meetings</i>		
Committee on Emerging Social Issues: plenary (6) (2007)	<u>Modify to:</u> Committee on Emerging Social Issues: plenary (6) (3 in 2006, 3 in 2007)	Chapter IV, Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-first session, 61/1 [Annual Report (29/4/04-18/5/05) (E/2005/39-E/ESCAP/1359)]
	<u>Delete:</u> Subcommittee on Health and Development: plenary (6) (2006)	Chapter IV, Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-first session, 61/1 [Annual Report (29/4/04-18/5/05) (E/2005/39-E/ESCAP/1359)]
	<u>Delete:</u> Subcommittee on Socially Vulnerable Groups: plenary (6) (2006)	Chapter IV, Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-first session, 61/1 [Annual Report (29/4/04-18/5/05) (E/2005/39-E/ESCAP/1359)]

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Committee on Emerging Social Issues: report of the Committee on Emerging Social Issues (1) (2007)	<u>Modify to:</u> Committee on Emerging Social Issues: reports of the Committee on Emerging Social Issues (2) (1 in 2006, 1 in 2007)	Chapter IV, Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-first session, 61/1 [Annual Report (29/4/04-18/5/05) (E/2005/39-E/ESCAP/1359)]
Committee on Emerging Social Issues: reports on emerging social issues (1) (2007)	<u>Modify to:</u> Committee on Emerging Social Issues: reports on emerging social issues (2) (1 in 2006, 1 in 2007)	Chapter IV, Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-first session, 61/1 [Annual Report (29/4/04-18/5/05) (E/2005/39-E/ESCAP/1359)]
	<u>Delete:</u> Subcommittee on Health and Development: report of the Subcommittee on Health and Development (1) (2006)	Chapter IV, Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-first session, 61/1 [Annual Report (29/4/04-18/5/05) (E/2005/39-E/ESCAP/1359)]
	<u>Delete:</u> Subcommittee on Health and Development: reports on issues related to health and development (1) (2006)	Chapter IV, Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-first session, 61/1 [Annual Report (29/4/04-18/5/05) (E/2005/39-E/ESCAP/1359)]
	<u>Delete:</u> Subcommittee on Socially Vulnerable Groups: report of the Subcommittee on Socially Vulnerable Groups (1) (2006)	Chapter IV, Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-first session, 61/1 [Annual Report (29/4/04-18/5/05) (E/2005/39-E/ESCAP/1359)]
	<u>Delete:</u> Subcommittee on Socially Vulnerable Groups: reports on issues related to socially vulnerable groups (1) (2006)	Chapter IV, Resolutions adopted by the Commission at its sixty-first session, 61/1 [Annual Report (29/4/04-18/5/05) (E/2005/39-E/ESCAP/1359)]

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<i>Inter-agency meetings</i>		
	<u>Delete:</u> Thematic working group on women's empowerment and gender equality (6) (3 meetings in 2006, 3 meetings in 2007)	An alternative inter-agency coordination mechanism will be explored.

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