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Arab Regional Conference in Preparation for the Ten Year Review and Appraisal
of the Outcome of Habitat II
Beirut, 11-13 April 2006

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Tuesday, 11 April 2006

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| 8 - 10 a.m. | | Registration of participants. |
| 10 - 12 a.m. | <u>Item 1</u> | <p>Opening of the Conference:</p> <p>Welcoming addresses;</p> <p>Opening of the regional exhibition "Ten years after Istanbul: Call for equality". Innovative approaches by Arab countries towards implementing the Habitat agenda for the period 1996-2006.</p> |
| | <u>Item 2</u> | Election of officers. |
| | <u>Item 3</u> | Adoption of the agenda. |
| | <u>Item 4</u> | Proposed organization of work. |
| 12 - 2 p.m. | | First meeting |
| | <u>Item 5</u> | The Habitat Agenda; policies, procedures and achievements – regional perspective: |
| | <u>Item 5 (a)</u> | The regional Arab report on the 10 year review and appraisal of implementation of Habitat II in the countries of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) region (Speaker: ESCWA consultant); |
| | <u>Item 5 (b)</u> | Review of the achievements of the countries of the Arab region in implementing the Habitat agenda in the period 1996-2006 (Speakers: representatives of official delegations); |
| | <u>Item 5 (c)</u> | Critical revision: "Ten years after Istanbul: Call for equality" – regional perspective. (Speaker: ESCWA). |

Note: Should the discussion of any agenda item take less time than has been allocated thereto, discussion shall proceed to the next agenda item.

Tuesday, 11 April 2006 (continued)

3 - 5 p.m.

Second meeting

Item 6 Prospects for monitoring implementation of the Habitat Agenda, towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in the Arab region:

Item 6 (a) Improving standards of living for the inhabitants of unplanned settlements in the Arab region: mechanisms and working methodologies – a review of several proposed national projects (Speakers: representatives of official delegations);

Item 6 (b) General debate.

Wednesday, 12 April 2006

9.30 a.m. - 12 noon

Third meeting

Item 7 Issues related to secure housing and land tenure and good urban governance in the Arab region:

Item 7 (a) The Cairo Declaration and launching of the Regional Campaign on Secure Housing and Land Tenure and Good Urban Governance in the Arab region (Speaker: ESCWA);

Item 7 (b) Review of the regional framework for action in respect of the Campaign and the national plan of action: roles of partners (Speaker: ESCWA consultant):

- (i) Role of governmental institutions;
- (ii) Role of local authorities;
- (iii) The participation of civil society;
- (iv) The media strategy in support of the national plan of action.

12 noon - 1 p.m.

Press conference.

2.30 - 5.30 p.m.

Fourth meeting

Item 8 Urban observatories: towards strengthening partnership in development (Speaker: ESCWA consultant and representatives of official delegations):

Item 8 (a) Urban observatories and the strengthening of the role of local authorities in development in the ESCWA region (Speaker: ESCWA);

Item 8 (b) Review of the report on the status of national and local urban observatories: regional perspective (Speaker: ESCWA consultant);

Item 8 (c) Review of experiences of national and local urban observatories in the countries of the ESCWA region (Speakers: representatives of official delegations).

Thursday, 13 April 2006

9 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.

Fifth meeting

Item 9 HABITAT Agenda, HABITAT II, 1996-2006: regional and international activity:

Review of achievements and projects of ESCWA, regional institutions, programmes and organizations, and United Nations organizations in implementation of the Habitat Agenda, 1996-2006, in the Arab region (Speaker: ESCWA and the representatives of the participants).

Item 10 Discussion of recommendations and final statement.

