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**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE WORK PROGRAMME
FOR THE BIENNIUM 2010-2011**

Summary

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The Commission is invited to consider the proposed changes with a view to endorsing them for incorporation into the programme of work for the biennium 2010-2011.

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Introduction

1. This document presents proposed amendments to the work programme for 2010-2011. These changes are based on the new mandates that emanated from the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly and from the global and regional needs and challenges that have emerged since the Commission adopted the draft programme of work for 2010-2011 at its twenty-fifth session. The major changes result from the comprehensive proposal of the Secretary-General to the resumed sixty-second session of the General Assembly, which aims to improve the effective and efficient delivery of the mandates of the development-related activities of the United Nations Secretariat, including those of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA).
2. The Commission is invited to consider the proposed changes, the background to which is explained in part I, namely, the proposals of the secretariat for changes, with a view to endorsing them for incorporation into the programme of work for the biennium 2010-2011.

I. AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE SECRETARIAT

3. The proposed amendments are intended to make optimal use of the resources available to the secretariat, while further enhancing the quality and relevance of priority services provided in implementing the 2010-2011 work programme.
4. The decision of the Commission on the change in frequency of intergovernmental sessions may also have further programmatic and financial implications, in which case the Commission will be advised of this by the secretariat at the current session.

II. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR BIENNIUM 2010-2011

5. The following matrix provides the proposed programme amendments, itemized by subprogramme.

Activity	Status ¹				Justification
	T	A	R	P	
Subprogramme 1. Integrated management of natural resources for sustainable development					
Recurrent publication					
Review of productivity and sustainable development in the ESCWA region, No. 2		1			Added at the initiative of the secretariat for programmatic purposes. Carried over from previous biennium.
Technical material					
Technical material on multidisciplinary economic and social development issues in the ESCWA region		1			Added at the initiative of the secretariat for programmatic purposes.
Technical material on best practices and tools for increasing productivity and competitiveness in the production sectors: assessment of zaatar in Lebanon		1			Added at the initiative of the secretariat for programmatic purposes. Carried over from previous biennium.
Total for subprogramme 1	0	3	0	0	

¹ T = Terminated; A = Additional; R = Reformulated; and P = Postponed.

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	T	A	R	P	
Subprogramme 2. Integrated social policies					
Parliamentary documentation					
Report to the Commission on policies for youth within the framework of the WPAY		1			Added at the initiative of the secretariat for programmatic purposes: Change in the theme of the twenty-sixth session of the Commission.
Total for subprogramme 2	0	1	0	0	
Subprogramme 3. Economic development and integration					
Ad hoc expert groups					
Policy implications of the outcomes of the follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development 1&2	1				Terminated at the initiative of the secretariat for programmatic purposes in response to the recommendation of the senior management retreat.
Forum on re-thinking the role of regional development funds	1				Terminated at the initiative of the secretariat for programmatic purposes in response to the recommendation of the senior management retreat.
Recurrent publications					
LAS-United Nations Joint Regional MDG Report		1			Added at the initiative of the secretariat for programmatic purposes. Carried over from previous biennium.
Survey of Economic and Social Developments in the ESCWA Region 2008-2009		1			Added at the initiative of the secretariat for programmatic purposes. Carried over from previous biennium.
Contribution to joint outputs					
Regional input to UNCTAD's World Investment Report			1		Reformulated at the initiative of the secretariat for programmatic purposes.
Regional input to UNCTAD's World Investment Report	1				Terminated at the initiative of the secretariat for programmatic purposes.
Regional inputs to the United Nations Joint Annual Report on Trade		1			Added at the initiative of the secretariat for programmatic purposes. Carried over from previous biennium.
Special events					
Launching of LAS-United Nations Joint Regional MDG Report		1			Added at the initiative of the secretariat for programmatic purposes. Carried over from previous biennium.
Launching of the Survey of Economic and Social Developments in the ESCWA Region		1			Added at the initiative of the secretariat for programmatic purposes. Carried over from previous biennium.

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Field projects					
Foreign direct investment outflows from the ESCWA region		1			Added at the initiative of the secretariat for programmatic purposes. Continuing from previous biennium.
Implementation of the Integrated Transport System in the Arab Mashreq (ITSAM)		1			Added at the initiative of the secretariat for programmatic purposes. Continuous from previous biennium.
Promoting subregional growth oriented economic and trade policies towards achieving the MDGs in West Asia		1			Added at the initiative of the secretariat for programmatic purposes. Continuous from previous biennium.
Total for subprogramme 3	3	8	1	0	
Subprogramme 4. Information and communications technology for regional integration					
Ad hoc expert group meetings					
EGM on Promotion of South-South cooperation		1			Added at the initiative of the secretariat for programmatic purposes. Carried over from previous biennium.
Non-recurrent publication					
Requirements for establishing single window for handling export/import procedures and formalities in ESCWA member countries		1			Added at the initiative of the secretariat for programmatic purposes. Carried over from previous biennium.
Field projects					
Knowledge networks through information and communications technology access points for disadvantaged communities		1			Added at the initiative of the secretariat for programmatic purposes. Continuous from previous biennium.
Total for subprogramme 4	0	3	0	0	
Subprogramme 6. Advancement of women					
Ad hoc expert group meetings					
ESCWA-ARADO first conference on women entrepreneurs in the Arab world		1			Added at the initiative of the secretariat for programmatic purposes.
Non-recurrent publication					
Revised guidelines to increase effectiveness of national machineries for women in the ESCWA region		1			Added at the initiative of the secretariat for programmatic purposes. Carried over from previous biennium.
Special events					
Launching of ESCWA/LAS-AWO Joint Study on the Status of Arab Women: means to strengthen the role of women in conflict resolution and peace-building in the Arab region		1			Added at the initiative of the secretariat for programmatic purposes. Carried over from previous biennium.

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	T	A	R	P	
Training courses, seminars and workshops					
ESCWA-DAW workshop on strengthening legislative frameworks to address all forms of violence against women		1			Added at the initiative of the secretariat for programmatic purposes.
Field projects					
Impact of the global financial crisis on single females working in qualified industrial zones in Jordan and Egypt (with UNOPS)		1			Added at the initiative of the secretariat for programmatic purposes.
Total for subprogramme 6	0	5	0	0	
Subprogramme 7. Conflict mitigation and development					
Non-recurrent Publications					
Emerging socio-economic issues under conditions of conflict or political instability (governance and peacebuilding)		1			Added at the initiative of the secretariat for programmatic purposes.
Impact of conflict on socio-economic development in countries in the ESCWA region (Institution building and State building)		1			Added at the initiative of the secretariat for programmatic purposes.
Organization of inter-agency meetings and contribution to joint outputs					
Contribution and participation in the Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat (DPA NOT DPI) meetings on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People	1				Terminated at the initiative of the secretariat for programmatic purposes.
Substantive coordination and contribution to UNCTAD's Unit on Palestine	1				Terminated at the initiative of the secretariat for programmatic purposes.
Technical material					
Working paper on emerging socio-economic issues under conditions of conflict or political instability			1		Reformulated at the initiative of the secretariat for programmatic purposes.
Field projects					
Strengthening national capacity for the integration of sustainable development principles into development strategies in countries emerging from conflict		1			Added at the initiative of the secretariat for programmatic purposes.
Support to decentralization and local governance for service delivery in Iraq		1			Added at the initiative of the secretariat for programmatic purposes. Continuous from previous biennium.
Total for subprogramme 7	2	4	1	0	
Grand total for ESCWA	5	24	2	0	
