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Under this agenda item, the Committee will be presented with the following reports:

1. Development of a regional legal framework for shared water resources in the Arab region (E/ESCWA/SDPD/2011/IG.1/5(Part I)): this report contains a review of the preparation of a regional legal framework for shared water resources in the Arab region, including the definition of delegation of authority, the institutional development at the regional level, and the two-stage method proposed for the formulation of the legal framework. The document stresses the importance of formulating the framework by taking into account the specifications of the Arab region, the stand of the international law on shared water, and the impact of climate change on already scarce water resources in the region.
2. Lessons learned from the experience in shared water resources management in the region of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and related river basin management institutions (E/ESCWA/SD/2010/IG.1/7(Part II)): this report contains a review of the Protocol on Shared Watercourse Systems ratified by the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and the related river basin management institutions, with a view to benefit from that experience in the ESCWA region.
