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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

As a result of the consultations conducted by the Chairman of the fourteenth session with other officers of the session, the Executive Secretary of ESCWA and the Secretary General, by virtue of rule 3 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia which reads "in special cases the dates and place of a session may be altered by the chairman after consultation with other officers, the Executive Secretary and the Secretary General", it was decided to hold the fifteenth session of the Commission from 13 to 18 May 1989. The session has usually been held in April. However, since the holy month of Ramadan and subsequent holidays will be observed in April this year, it was therefore decided to change the date of the session.

1. Opening of the session

The sixth session of the Technical Committee will be opened at 10 a.m. on Saturday, 13 May 1989. The session will continue through 15 May and will be followed by a one-day break. The fifteenth session of the Commission at the ministerial level will be opened in the main hall of the Commission at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 17 May 1989, and will conclude on 18 May. The first meeting will be presided over by Mr. Hisham Hassan Tawfiq (Iraq), Chairman of the fourteenth session, until the Commission elects the Chairman of the fifteenth session.

2. Election of officers

By virtue of rule 12 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia,

"The Commission shall, at the commencement of each session, elect from among the representatives of its members a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur, who shall hold office until their successors are elected. They shall be eligible for re-election."

3. Adoption of the agenda

By virtue of rule 5 of the rules of procedure, the Executive Secretary has, in consultation with the Chairman, drawn up a provisional agenda containing all items required by the Commission's rules of procedure or proposed by the Commission, the Economic and Social Council, the General Assembly, the Executive Secretary or a member of the Commission.

At its fifteenth session, the Commission has before it a provisional agenda (E/ESCWA/15/L.1) and an annotated provisional agenda (E/ESCWA/15/L.1/Add.1). The Commission may approve the provisional agenda or may adopt it in an amended form in accordance with rule 9 of its rules of procedure, which provides that "the Commission may revise the agenda by adding, deleting, deferring or amending items".

4. Organization of work

The Commission will have before it document E/ESCWA/15/2, containing proposals that the Commission may decide to adopt for the organization of the work of the session.

5. Invitation to States Members of the United Nations or of the specialized agencies not members of the Commission to participate in a consultative capacity in the fifteenth session of the Commission

In accordance with paragraph 4 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1818(LV) and rule 63 of its rules of procedure, the Commission will have before it for its consideration document E/ESCWA/15/3 regarding applications received from States Members of the United Nations or of the specialized agencies not members of the Commission to participate in a consultative capacity in its fifteenth session.

6. Report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Commission

An account of the activities undertaken by the Commission during the past two years is presented in documents E/ESCWA/15/4 and E/ESCWA/C.1/15/4, Parts I and II, and Add.1-10, E/ESCWA/C.1/15/5 and E/ESCWA/C.1/15/6 and Add.1-4.

7. Adoption of the report of the Technical Committee on its sixth session

The Commission will have before it in document E/ESCWA/15/5 and E/ESCWA/C.1/5/11 the report of the Technical Committee on the work of its sixth session, containing the recommendations of the Technical Committee on items included in its provisional agenda.

8. Financial status of the Commission's programmes

The Commission will have before it the following documents:

Financial status of the Commission's programmes: regular programme budget of the Commission (E/ESCWA/15/6);

Financial status of the Commission's programmes: extrabudgetary resources supporting the Commission's programme (E/ESCWA/15/6/Add.1);

Financial status of the Commission's programmes: Trust Fund for ESCWA Regional Activities (E/ESCWA/C.1/15/6/Add.2).

9. Current issues of importance to the ESCWA region (Commission resolution 119(X)): Privatization

This item is included in the provisional agenda by virtue of paragraph 4 of Commission resolution 119(X), by which the Executive Secretary is requested to include in the provisional agenda of future sessions a special item of discussion related to a priority theme, issue or problem facing the countries of the region. The Commission will have before it document E/ESCWA/C.1/15/7 on the above subject.

10. Other matters

Under the item, the Commission will take up any urgent matter that it may decide to add to its agenda in accordance with rule 6 of its rules of procedure.

11. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifteenth session

Under its terms of reference (Economic and Social Council resolution 1818(LV), para. 12) and by virtue of rule 34 of its rules of procedure, the Commission is required to submit to the Economic and Social Council an annual report on its activities. Accordingly the Commission will adopt a report on its fifteenth session. The Commission will provide the members of the Council with copies of that report and a summary thereof will be submitted to the Council at its second regular session of 1989, to be held at Geneva in July.

