



ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION
FOR WESTERN ASIA



AUG 27 1992

LIBRARY & DOCUMENT SECTION

Distr.
LIMITED
E/ESCWA/16/2
20 August 1992
ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

**UNITED NATIONS
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**

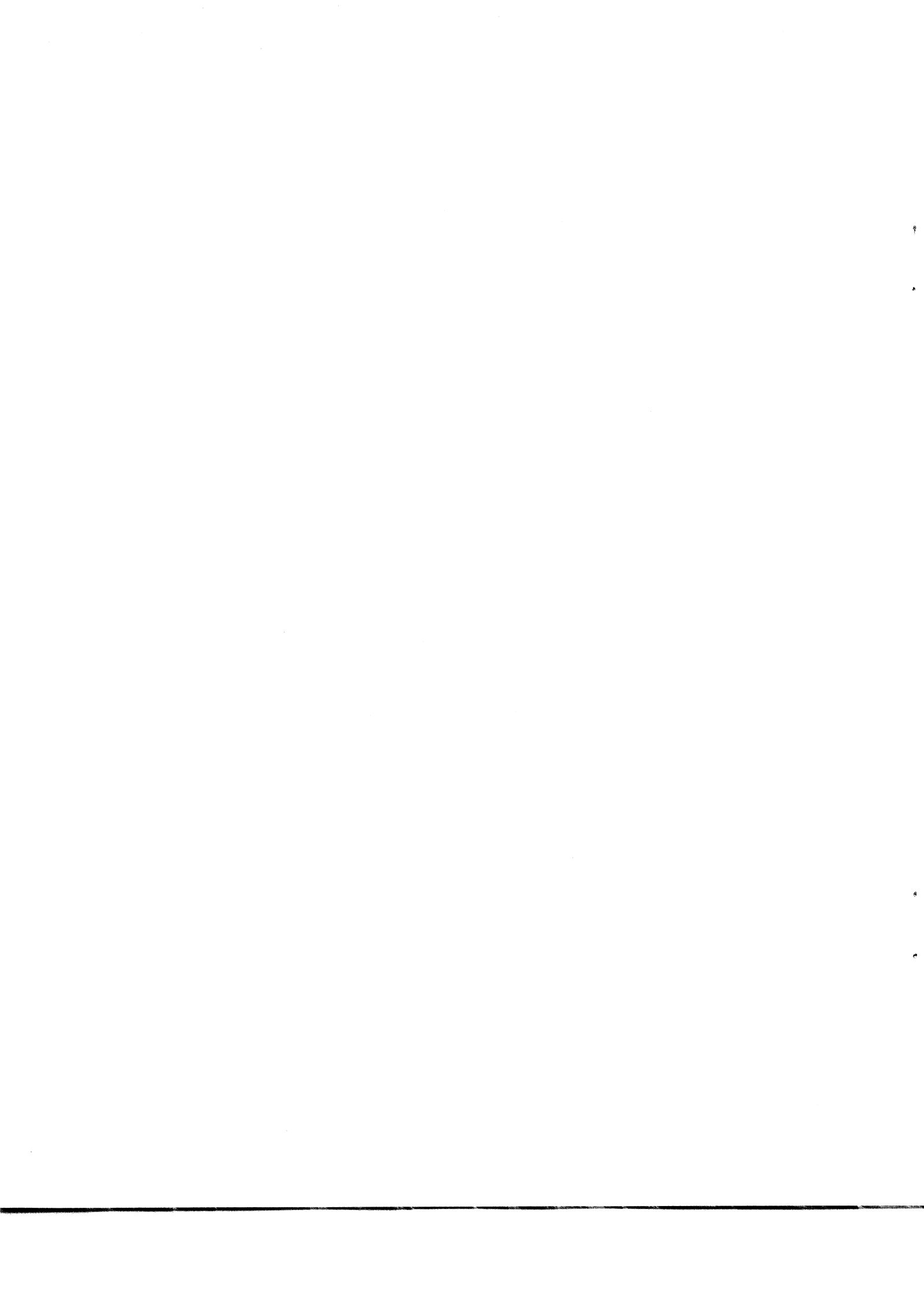
**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION
FOR WESTERN ASIA**

Sixteenth session
30 August - 3 September 1992
Amman

Item 4 of the provisional agenda

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Note by the Executive Secretary



The present document on the organization of the work of the sixteenth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia should be read in conjunction with the provisional agenda for the session, which was issued as document E/ESCWA/16/L.1/Rev.2.

The proposed organization of work for the session, should it be endorsed by the ministerial-level session of the Commission, is intended to achieve a greater degree of efficiency and coordination between the work of the ministerial-level session and that of the seventh session of the Technical Committee; at the same time, the proposed organization of work bears in mind the relevant resolutions of the Economic and Social Council and of the Commission and the rules of procedure of the Commission.

It may be recalled that the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1984/80 of 27 July 1984,

"2. Decide[d] to designate the Standing Committee for the Programme of the Economic Commission for Western Asia as the Technical Committee and to add to its terms of reference, set out in paragraph 5 of Commission resolution 114(IX) of 12 May 1982, the consideration of the items of the provisional agenda for the annual session of the Commission, in preparation for the Commission's meeting at the ministerial level;

"3. Decide[d] also that the Technical Committee should meet for a four-day period immediately prior to a two-day meeting of the Economic Commission for Western Asia at the ministerial level."

However, as an exception to the above, the secretariat wishes to propose to the ministerial-level session of the Commission that the Technical Committee start its meetings at 1530 hours of the first day of the formal opening of the Commission's sixteenth session, hold subsequent meetings that at times take place simultaneously with the plenary meetings of the ministerial-level session and conclude its work by Wednesday, 2 September, noon, in time for the preparation and submission of its report for consideration and adoption by the ministerial-level session of the Commission.

It is further proposed that sub-items 5(a), 5(b) (viii) and 5(b) (ix) and items 6 and 7 of the provisional agenda be allocated for consideration by the Technical Committee.

Regarding the officers of the Technical Committee, it is proposed that one of the Vice-Chairmen elected by the Commission at the outset of the session serve as Chairman of the Technical Committee, which at its first session shall elect its Rapporteur.

On the basis of the aforementioned, the following organization of work is being proposed, with the understanding that this timetable should be considered tentative. Should the ministerial-level session of the Commission or the Technical Committee complete consideration of an item before an indicated date or time, it may move immediately to the next item on its work schedule.

Proposed organization of work

Plenary

Sunday, 30 August 1992

- | | | |
|-------------------|---------------|--|
| 1000 hours | <u>Item 1</u> | Opening of the session. |
| 1130 - 1300 hours | <u>Item 2</u> | Election of officers. |
| | <u>Item 3</u> | Adoption of the agenda. |
| | <u>Item 4</u> | Organization of work. |
| | <u>Item 5</u> | Report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Commission: |
| | (b) | Follow-up action on the resolutions of the Commission at its fifteenth session: |
| | (i) | Resolution 165(XV) on environment in the ESCWA region; |
| | (ii) | Resolution 166(XV) on financial assistance to existing industries; |
| | (iii) | Resolution 167(XV) on promotion of regional cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy; |
| | (iv) | Resolution 168(XV) on suitable projects for regional and subregional cooperation in the ESCWA region on new and renewable sources of energy; |
| | (v) | Resolution 169(XV) on support for the regional household survey project in the ESCWA countries; |
| | (vi) | Resolution 170(XV) on activities of the Transport and Communications Decade in Western Asia (1985-1994); |
| | (vii) | Resolution 172(XV) on economic and social conditions of the Palestinian Arab people; |

- (x) Resolution 175(XV) on strengthening the role and performance of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia;
- (xi) Resolution 176(XV) on international assistance to the flood-stricken areas of Democratic Yemen;^{1/}
- (xii) Resolution 177(XV) on international development strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade;
- (c) Follow-up action on the regional level on United Nations world conferences and ESCWA regional meetings;
- (d) Cooperation among developing countries and regional organizations.

(Introductory statements and general discussion.)

Monday, 31 August 1992

0930 - 1300 hours

Item 5(b, c and d) General discussion (concluded).

1530 - 1830 hours

Item 10 Site of the Commission's headquarters.

Tuesday, 1 September 1992

0930 - 1300 hours

Item 8 Current issues of importance to the ESCWA region.

(Introductory statements and general discussion.)

1530 - 1830 hours

Item 8 Current issues of importance to the ESCWA region.

General discussion (concluded).

^{1/} On 22 May 1990, the Yemen Arab Republic and the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen merged to form a single sovereign State called the Republic of Yemen.

Item 9 Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic and social fields: role and functions of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

(Introductory statements and general discussion.)

1700 hours

Deadline for submission of draft resolutions under items 5(b, c and d), 8, 9 and 10.

Wednesday, 2 September 1992

0930 - 1300 hours

Informal consultations.

1530 - 1830 hours

Item 5 (b, c and d) Introduction and action on draft resolutions.

Item 8 Introduction and action on draft resolutions.

Item 9 Introduction and action on draft resolutions.

Item 10 Introduction and action on draft resolutions.

Item 11 Date, venue and provisional agenda of the seventeenth session.

Item 13 Other matters.

Thursday, 3 September 1992

0930 - 1300 hours

Item 12 Adoption of the report of the Technical Committee on its seventh session.

1530 - 1830 hours

Item 14 Consideration and adoption of the report of the sixteenth session of the Commission.

Conclusion of the work of the Commission.

Technical Committee
Seventh session

Sunday, 30 August 1992

1530 - 1830 hours

- Item 5 Report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Commission:
- (a) Progress made in the implementation of the programme of work for the biennium 1990-1991;
 - (b) Follow-up action on the resolutions of the Commission at its fifteenth session;
 - (viii) Resolution 173(XV) on the draft medium-term plan of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia for the period 1992-1997;
 - (ix) Resolution 174(XV) on the draft programme of work and priorities for the biennium 1990-1991.

(Introductory statements and general discussion.)

- Item 6 Financial status of the Commission's programmes:
- (a) Regular budget;
 - (b) Extrabudgetary resources;
 - (c) Trust fund for ESCWA regional activities.

(Introductory statements and general discussion.)

Monday, 31 August 1992

0930 - 1300 hours

- Item 5(a),
5(b) (viii),
(ix) and (x) General discussion (concluded).

Item 6 General discussion (concluded).

Item 7 Draft programme of work and priorities
for the biennium 1992-1993.

(Introductory statements and general discussion.)

Tuesday, 1 September 1992

0930 - 1330 hours

Item 7 General discussion (concluded).

1530 - 1830 hours

Informal consultations.

1700 hours

Deadline for submission of draft resolutions
under items 5(a), 5(b) (viii) and (ix) and
items 6 and 7

Wednesday, 2 September 1992

0930 - 1300 hours

Item 5(a),
5(b) (viii)
and (ix) Introduction and action on draft
resolutions.

Item 6 Introduction and action on draft
resolutions.

Item 7 Introduction and action on draft
resolutions.

Adoption of the report of the Technical Committee.

Conclusion of the work of the Technical Committee.