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Item 4 of the provisional agenda

PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Wednesday, 7 May 1997

10 - 11 a.m.	<u>Item 1</u>	Opening of the session.
11 - 11.30 a.m.		Break.
11.30 a.m. - Noon		Closed session of heads of delegation to discuss organizational questions.
Noon - 12.30 p.m.	<u>Item 2</u>	Election of officers.
	<u>Item 3</u>	Adoption of the agenda.
	<u>Item 4</u>	Proposed organization of work.
	<u>Item 5</u>	Invitation to States Members of the United Nations or of the specialized agencies not members of the Commission to participate in the capacity of observer in the nineteenth session of the Commission.
12.30 - 1.30 p.m.	<u>Item 6</u>	Discussion and adoption of the final report of the Technical Committee on its tenth session:
	(a)	Report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Commission:
	(i)	Progress made during 1996 in the implementation of the programme of work for the biennium 1996-1997, parts I and II (regular programme and technical cooperation activities);
1.30 - 4 p.m.		Lunch break.

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4 - 6 p.m.

- (ii) Follow-up action on the resolutions of the Commission adopted at its eighteenth session:
 - a. Resolution 204 (XVIII) on the establishment of a committee on energy in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia;
 - b. Resolution 205 (XVIII) on the establishment of a committee on water resources in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia;
 - c. Recommendations of the Statistical Committee and the Committee on Social Development;
- (iii) Preparation and follow-up action at the regional level on United Nations world conferences and ESCWA regional meetings;
- (b) Proposed medium-term plan of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia for the period 1998-2001;
- (c) Draft programme of work and priorities for the biennium 1998-1999;
- (d) Financial status of the Commission's programmes;
- (e) The Advisory Committee established pursuant to resolution 175 (XV) on the strengthening of the role and performance of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia;
- (f) The regional role of ESCWA in the coordination of the activities of the United Nations agencies.

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- Item 7 Programme and organizational changes and modifications made by ESCWA since 1994.
- Item 8 Current issues of importance to the ESCWA region (ESCWA resolution 119 (X)): concerns of the ESCWA member States regarding the World Trade Organization, the related agreements and future trade negotiations.
- Item 9 Progress made in facilitating the move of ESCWA to its permanent headquarters in Beirut, Lebanon.
- Item 10 Call for the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Commission, to be held in conjunction with the twentieth session of ESCWA in 1999, and discussion of the role of the Commission in the coming century in view of international and regional developments.
- Item 11 Date and venue of the twentieth session of the Commission.
- Item 12 Other matters.

Thursday, 8 May 1997

10.30 - 11.30 a.m.

- Item 13 Adoption of the report of the Commission on its nineteenth session.
- Conclusion of the work of the session.

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