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## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION

## FOLLOW-UP TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION AT ITS TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003: resolution 232 (XXI)

1. The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) adopted resolution 232 (XXI) dated 11 May 2001 concerning the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003. In part, the resolution reads as follows:

"[ESCWA]

Approves the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003;

Requests the Executive Secretary to report to member States any changes introduced thereto;

Further requests the Executive Secretary to distribute the programme budget to member States once it has been endorsed by the General Assembly."

2. The matter was considered in the annex to document E/ESCWA/22/4(Part II), which was submitted to the Commission under item 6 (b) of the provisional agenda. That annex describes the activities that have been cancelled, postponed or added, with a view to increasing flexibility with respect to the implementation of ESCWA activities and providing an opportunity to deal with unforeseen economic and social issues.