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Consideration of a request from Djibouti for ESCWA membership

Summary

Under this item, the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) will examine a request submitted by Djibouti on 11 July 2022 to join the Commission, and will consider submitting a draft resolution in that regard to the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

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I. Request

1. The secretariat of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) received a communication from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Djibouti on 11 July 2022, requesting that the country join ESCWA as a full member. The communication included a confirmation of the willingness of Djibouti to continue and consolidate collaboration with ESCWA and its member States.
2. In accordance with the rules governing ESCWA work, the Economic and Social Council, based on the Commission's recommendation, decides on new requests for membership.
3. A country wishing to join the Commission as a member must undergo the following process:
 - (a) The concerned country applies for membership;
 - (b) The request is presented to the delegates of the States participating in the Commission's meetings for discussion, and a resolution is submitted to the Economic and Social Council for adoption;
 - (c) The Economic and Social Council decides on the request of accession, pursuant to the Commission's recommendation.
4. Since the establishment of ESCWA in 1973, Egypt; the Palestine Liberation Organization; the Sudan; Libya, Morocco and Tunisia; Mauritania; and Algeria and Somalia have joined the Commission as full members, pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolutions [2088 \(LXIII\)](#) and [2089 \(LXIII\)](#) of 22 July 1977, resolution [2008/8](#) of 22 July 2008, resolution [2012/1](#) of 10 July 2012, resolution [2015/32](#) of 22 July 2015, and resolution [2020/20](#) of 22 July 2020, respectively.
5. At its twenty-seventh session, ESCWA adopted resolution [302 \(XXVII\)](#) in which it requested the secretariat to invite “all other Arab countries to become members of ESCWA”. At its seventh and eighth meetings, held on 18 and 19 March 2013 and from 10 to 12 December 2013, respectively, the ESCWA Technical Committee confirmed this resolution and recommended that ESCWA membership be limited to members of the League of Arab States.
6. A country wishing to join one of the regional commissions will not incur any additional financial obligations, and will pay only its annual subscription to the regular budget of the United Nations Secretariat. Moreover, the member States of a regional commission that a country wishes to join will also not bear any additional financial burdens.

II. Required action

7. The Commission is invited to consider the request of Djibouti to join ESCWA as a full member, and to submit a resolution in that regard to the Economic and Social Council.

Annex

Communication from Djibouti

Republic of Djibouti

Unity-Equality-Peace

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Minister

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Djibouti,.....

New York, 11 July 2022

Dear Dr. Rola Dashti,

I would like to begin by expressing my appreciation for the activities of the secretariat of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) in support of sustainable development efforts in Arab countries, especially in the least developed countries, and for its enhancement of Arab integration through its various programmes.

Consequently, and in view of ESCWA resolution 302 (XXVII) on inviting Arab countries to join ESCWA, and given the wish of Djibouti to strengthen Arab-Arab cooperation within the United Nations, and its desire to benefit from the expertise provided by ESCWA in all areas of sustainable development, it is my pleasure to submit a request for Djibouti to join ESCWA.

I hope that this request will be considered by ESCWA members States at the earliest convenience, in accordance with United Nations procedures.

I thank you for your great efforts and for considering the request for Djibouti to join ESCWA.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Mahamoud Ali Youssouf

Signature

Stamp: Republic of Djibouti, New York

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