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Sana'a, 26-29 May 2008

Item 4 of the agenda

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

A. SENIOR OFFICIALS' SEGMENT (26-27 MAY 2008)

Monday, 26 May 2008

9.00 - 10.00 a.m.

Registration of participants.

10.00 - 11.00 a.m.

First meeting

Item 1

Opening of the Senior Officials' segment

Item 2

Election of officers.

Item 3

Adoption of the agenda.

Item 4

Proposed organization of work.

Item 5

Consideration of requests by States Members of the United Nations and/or its specialized agencies that are not members of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) to participate as observers in the twenty-fifth session of the Commission.

11.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.

Second meeting

Item 7

Report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Commission:

- (a) Programme performance report for the biennium 2006-2007;
- (b) Follow-up to implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Commission at its twenty-fourth session.

Note: Should the discussion of any agenda item take less time than has been allocated thereto, discussion shall proceed to the next agenda item.

Monday, 26 May 2008 (continued)

3.00 - 5.30 p.m.

Third meeting

Item 7
(continued)

Continuation of discussions on agenda item 7 (b)

- (c) Follow-up to the establishment of an Arabic language centre at ESCWA;
- (d) Technical cooperation programme;
- (e) Financial status of the Commission;

Tuesday, 27 May 2008

Drafting Committee: Consideration of proposed draft resolutions for adoption by the Commission.

9.30 - 12.00 a.m.

Fourth meeting

Item 10

Consideration of the request for membership in the Commission by the Sudan.

Item 7
(continued)

- (f) Reports of ESCWA subsidiary bodies on their sessions.

Item 8

Management issues:

- (a) Streamlining the work of the Commission:
 - (i) Lessons learned from the evaluation of the sessions of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies;
 - (ii) Frequency of the sessions of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies;
 - (iii) First meeting of the Technical Committee.

12.30 - 1.30 p.m.

Fifth meeting

Item 8
(continued)

- (b) Proposed amendments to the work programme for the biennium 2008-2009;
- (c) Revised draft strategic framework for the biennium 2010-2011.

4.00 - 5.00 p.m.

Launching of the Information Society portal for the ESCWA region.

5.00 - 6.00 p.m.

Sixth meeting

Adoption of the recommendations of the Senior Officials' segment.

B. MINISTERIAL SEGMENT (28-29 MAY 2008)

Wednesday, 28 May 2008

10.00 - 11.00 a.m.

First meeting

Opening of the Ministerial segment.

Second meeting

12.00 - 1.00

Item 9

Draft convention on international multimodal transport of goods in the Arab Mashreq.

Item 6

Policy issues in the ESCWA region:

(a) Ministerial roundtable on the theme of the session: "Financing for development in the ESCWA region";

2.30 - 4.30 p.m.

Third meeting

Launching of the report entitled "Millennium Development Goals in the Arab region 2007: A Youth Lens";

Item 6
(continued)

(b) Ministerial roundtable on regional cooperation for achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

Thursday, 29 May 2008

10.00 - 12.00 p.m.

Closed meeting for heads of delegation.

4.30 - 5.00 p.m.

Fourth meeting

Item 11

Date and venue of the twenty-sixth session of the Commission.

Item 12

Other business.

Item 13

Adoption of the report of the Commission on its twenty-fifth session.
