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

This item covers the progress made in implementing all activities carried out by the Commission since its twenty-fourth session, which was held in Beirut from 8 to 11 May 2006. The Commission will consider the six sub-items that comprise the report, as set forth below:

(a) The results achieved in the programme of work for the 2006-2007 biennium and in each of the seven subprogrammes, the challenges faced in their implementation and the amendments made thereto: presented to the Commission in document E/ESCWA/25/5(Part I);

(b) Progress made in implementing the resolutions adopted by the Commission at its twenty-fourth session: presented to the Commission in document E/ESCWA/25/5(Part II);

(c) Follow-up to the establishment of the ESCWA Arabic language centre, which includes a review of the measures taken by the secretariat pursuant to resolution 239(XXII) concerning consideration of the issue of establishing that centre: presented to the Commission in document E/ESCWA/25/5(Part III);

(d) The technical cooperation activities undertaken by ESCWA including the consultancy and training services provided to member countries funded by the Regular Programme of Technical Cooperation presented to the Commission in document E/ESCWA/25/5(Part IV)/Add.1; and the intraregional and regional projects carried out by ESCWA with funding from the United Nations Development Account: presented to the Commission in document E/ESCWA/25/5(Part IV)/Add.2;

(e) The financial status of the Commission, various financial issues related to Commission programmes, including the regular budget, extrabudgetary resources and the ESCWA Trust Fund: presented to the Commission in document E/ESCWA/25/5(Part V);

(f) Eight reports on the sessions of the subsidiary bodies held between the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth sessions of the Commission.

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