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Annotations

1. Opening of the session

The twenty-fifth session of the Committee on Transport and Logistics will open at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 26 November 2024 in Amman. The representative of the State that chaired the twenty-fourth session of the Committee will deliver a welcome statement, followed by an opening statement by the ESCWA secretariat.

2. Election of officers

Rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia states: “Member States shall chair the sessions of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission on a rotating basis, in the Arabic alphabetical order employed by the United Nations. Unless the Commission decides otherwise, those bodies shall elect all their other officers”.^{*} The Committee shall elect two vice-chairs and a rapporteur from representatives of member States.

3. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 8 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, which applies to subsidiary bodies, states: “At the beginning of each session, once the Chair has assumed his/her duties in accordance with rule 12, the Commission shall adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda”. Pursuant to that rule, the Committee shall adopt the agenda and the organization of work as submitted in documents E/ESCWA/C.5/2024/L.1 and E/ESCWA/C.5/2024/L.2, respectively, or with the required amendments.

Follow-up issues

4. Implementation of activities under the ESCWA programme plan, of technical cooperation activities, and of recommendations made by the Committee on Transport and Logistics at its twenty-fourth session to the ESCWA secretariat (E/ESCWA/C.5/2024/3)

The Committee will review the activities implemented since its twenty-fourth session, held in Cairo on 10 and 11 January 2024. Some of those activities were included in the ESCWA programme plan, and others were implemented based on requests by member States for technical cooperation or recommendations issued by the Committee to the ESCWA secretariat.

The Committee is invited to review those activities and comment thereon.

5. Implementation of recommendations made by the Committee at its twenty-fourth session to member States, and developments in their transport and logistics sectors
(presentations by representatives of member States)

Representatives of member States will make presentations on progress in implementing recommendations made by the Committee to member States at the close of its twenty-fourth session (document [E/ESCWA/C.5/2023/10/Report](#)), and on developments in the transport and logistics sectors at the national level.

Representatives of member States are invited to submit in advance to the Committee Bureau a request to make a presentation under this item.

^{*} ESCWA member States in the Arabic alphabetical order are as follows: Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Tunisia, Algeria, the Syrian Arab Republic, Djibouti, the Sudan, Somalia, Iraq, Oman, the State of Palestine, Qatar, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Egypt, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Mauritania and Yemen.

New issues in the transport and logistics sectors

6. Round-table discussion: Sustainable transport in the Arab region: towards a decade of action
(E/ESCWA/C.5/2024/4)

Within the framework of its twenty-fifth session, the Committee will hold a round-table discussion on the United Nations Decade of Sustainable Transport 2026–2035 to examine its components in view of Arab countries' national goals and aspirations on what the United Nations can offer to support the process of sustainable transport in the region. The round-table discussion will contribute to documenting the proposals of member States, and working on formulating a collective proposal to be submitted to the consultative meetings that will be held next year to formulate the programme for the Decade of Sustainable Transport.

Representatives of member States are invited to participate in the discussion, and present their views on the programme of the Decade of Sustainable Transport.

7. Transport and food security in the Arab region (E/ESCWA/C.5/2024/5)

The Committee will examine an analytical overview of the role of the transport sector in ensuring food security in the Arab region based on available indicators, and discuss ways to enhance it.

The Committee is invited to comment on this important topic for the region, especially given the current challenging circumstances that some Arab countries are experiencing.

8. Inevitability of enhancing cybersecurity in the transport sector in the Arab region
(E/ESCWA/C.5/2024/6)

The Committee, in response to a request expressed at its previous session, will discuss the topic of cybersecurity in the transport sector, its policies and tools, and best practices in the field, based on global and Arab experiences in enhancing the security of transport facilities.

The Committee is invited to comment on this sensitive topic, and on ways to ensure cybersecurity for the transport sector in the Arab region.

9. Negotiable cargo documents: a summary of the negotiation process (Secretariat of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law – E/ESCWA/C.5/2024/CRP.1-A/CN.9/WG.VI/WP.106)

The Committee will review the ongoing negotiations on negotiable cargo documents, which is the first global document covering international land transport, by examining the main points of the negotiations and countries' proposals and concerns, on the basis of a document submitted by the secretariat of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law.

The Committee is invited to discuss the formulation of an Arab position on the negotiations, which the ESCWA secretariat would communicate to the international arena, given the lack of direct involvement of Arab countries in these negotiations.

10. Economic impact of the Red Sea crisis on the Arab region (E/ESCWA/C.5/2024/7)

The Committee will discuss the economic impact of the Red Sea crisis on the world and the region, particularly on transport policies in Arab countries, based on a document submitted by ESCWA and a presentation by the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport.

The Committee is invited to comment on the national repercussions of the crisis, and on ways to mitigate its effects.

11. Date and venue of the twenty-sixth session of the Committee on Transport and Logistics

The Committee will agree on the date and venue of its twenty-sixth session.

12. Other matters

This item will cover any other matters that the Committee may wish to raise and discuss.

13. Adoption of recommendations made by the Committee on Transport and Logistics at its twenty-fifth session

The Committee will consider the draft recommendations for discussion and adoption.
