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REGIONAL AND GLOBAL PRIORITIES

This item comprises two sub-items. The Technical Committee will be presented with the following two documents:

(a) <u>Progress achieved in the preparation of the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015</u> (E/ESCWA/2012/C.7/5/(Part I))

This document reviews the progress achieved by the United Nations regional commissions in the preparation of the joint report on the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015 from a regional perspective. It also explains the role of each party involved in the preparation of the report;

(b) <u>Follow-up to the outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development</u> (Rio+20) (E/ESCWA/2012/C.7/5/(Part I))

This document highlights the active participation of ESCWA and the Arab countries in Rio+20. It presents a summary of the main subjects of the outcome document "The Future We Want" which are of importance to the Arab region and the action taken and planned to implement the Conference outcomes. It also offers suggestions on the way to translate those outcomes into national and regional sustainable development programmes that meet the needs and priorities of the Arab region.