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Item 4 of the provisional agenda

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

(Note of the Executive Secretary)

1. The seventh session of the Economic Commission for Western Asia will be held in the hall of the Hotel Mansour - Milia in Baghdad from 19 to 24 April 1980. ECWA may shorten or, as financial considerations permit, extend the duration of the session.

Opening of the session

- 2. The session will be opened at 6:00 p.m. on 19 April 1980 by the distinguished representative of the Government of the Republic of Iraq.
- 3. The meeting will be presided over by the Chairman of the Commission's sixth session, the head of the delegation of the Republic of Iraq until a chairman is elected for the seventh session.
- 4. Shortly before the opening of the session, at 10.00 a.m. on 19 April 1980, an unofficial closed meeting will be held by the heads of delegations to the session. This meeting will be attended by the Executive Secretary, his Deputy, the Secretary of the Commission, the Chief of the Division of Administration of the secretariat and other United Nations and secretariat staff concerned with the session. At this meeting, as has been the custom in the past, the heads of the delegations will discuss the different matters related to the session and its proceedings.

Organization of work of the session

- 5. The Commission may decide to complete consideration of the procedural items of the session's provisional agenda (items1-5) at the opening meeting on the afternoon of 19 April 1930 so that, after distributing the remaining items over an appropriate number of days, it will be able to begin consideration of them on the following day.
- 6. With effect from 20 April 1980, the Commission will hold two meetings each day and may decide to adopt the following timetable for meetings:

Morring meetings: from 9:00 to 13:00

Afternoon meetings: from 16:00 to 18:30

Closing of the session

7. After all the items of the provisional agenda - except the final item - have been considered, the Commission may decide to suspend its meetings for one morning or one afternoon - as appropriate - in order to enable the rapporteur of the session to complete the Commission's draft report to the Economic and Social Council and make possible its early distribution to the delegations before the final meeting of the session, when it will be adopted.