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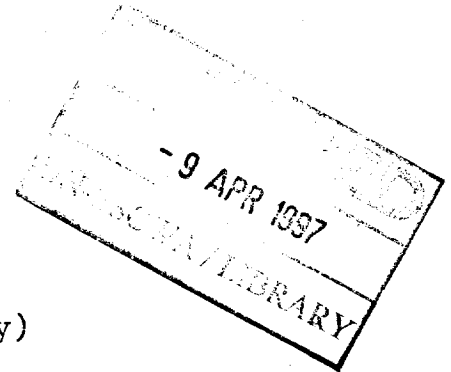
ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA

Ninth session  
8-12 May 1982  
Baghdad, Iraq

Item 4 of the provisional agenda

Organization of work

(Note of the Executive Secretary)



1. The ninth session of the Economic Commission for Western Asia will be held in the hall of the Mansour-Melia, Baghdad from 8 to 12 May 1982. The Commission may shorten or, as financial considerations permit, extend the duration of the session.

Opening of the session

2. His Excellency Fuad . Kaed Mohamed, Minister of Development and head of the delegation of the Yemen Arab Republic, will open the session at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday 8 May 1982 in his capacity as chairman of the eighth session. The inaugural speech will be given by His Excellency Taha Yassin Ramadan, First Deputy Prime Minister, Republic of Iraq.

3. The meeting will be presided over by the Chairman of the eighth session of the Commission until a chairman is elected for the ninth session.

4. An unofficial closed meeting will be held by the heads of delegations to the session, at 4:00 p.m. on 8 May 1982 in the Committee Room. The meeting will be attended by the Executive Secretary, his Deputy and the Secretary of the Commission. At this meeting, as has been the custom in the past, the heads of the delegations will discuss various matters related to the session and its proceedings.

#### Organization of the work of the session

5. The Commission may decide to complete consideration of the procedural items of the session's provisional agenda (item 1-5) at a meeting to be held at 5:00 p.m. on the same day, i.e., 8 May 1982, so that, after distributing the remaining items over an appropriate number of days, it will be able to begin consideration of them at the following meeting (10:00 a.m. on Sunday 9 May 1982).

6. With effect from 9 May 1982, the Commission will hold two working meetings each day, and may decide to adopt the following time-table for these meetings:

Morning meetings            from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Afternoon meetings        from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The above time-table is suggested in order to allow for holding meetings of the Ad-Hoc Intergovernmental Committee on the Medium-term Plan immediately before the Session Meetings. The meetings of the Committee will be held on 9, 10 and 11 May 1982 from 8:00 to 9:45 a.m. and from 15:00 to 16:45 p.m.

#### Closure 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 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.