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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Opening of the session

The tenth session of the Economic Commission for Western Asia will be opened by the distinguished representative of the Government of Iraq. The opening session will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday 7 May 1983 at the Conference Hall of the Headquarters of the Commission.

The first working meeting of the Commission will be chaired by the Chairman of the ninth session of the Commission, who is the head of the delegation of Iraq to that session or his representative.

Item 2. Election of Officers

Rule 12 of the Commission's provisional rules of procedure provides that "The Commission shall, at the commencement of each session, elect from among the representatives of its members, a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur, who shall hold office until their successors are elected. They shall be eligible for re-election."

Item 3. Adoption of the agenda

The Commission has before it the Provisional agenda (E/ECWA/158) and the annotated provisional agenda (E/ECWA/158/Add.1). In compliance with rule 5 of the Commission's rules of procedure, the Executive Secretary has drawn up

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the provisional agenda for the session in consultation with the Chairman. The provisional agenda includes items as determined by the provisional rules of procedure of the Commission or by the decision of the Commission, the Economic and Social Council, the General Assembly of the United Nations, the Executive Secretary of the Commission or any member of the Commission.

The Commission can either adopt the provisional agenda as it stands in document E/ECWA/158 or approve it in an amended form in accordance with rule 9 of the Commission's provisional rules of procedure, which provides that "...the Commission may revise the agenda by adding, deleting, deferring, or amending items."

Item 4. Organization of work

In this connection, the Commission will have before it document E/ECWA/159 containing proposals that the Commission may decide to adopt for the organization of work during the session.

Item 5. Invitation of States Members of the United Nations not members of the Commission to participate in a consultative capacity in the tenth session of the Commission.

The Commission will have before it for its consideration document E/ECWA/160 regarding applications received from States Members of the United Nations not Members of the Commission to participate in a consultative capacity in the tenth session of the Commission, in accordance with paragraph 4 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1818 (LV) and rule 63 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Commission.

Item 6. Retrospect and perspective of the Commission's work

Document E/ECWA/161 contains an overview of the Commission's work and future prospects.

Item 7. Report on the activities of the Commission

The activities of the Commission during the year 1982, which are reported under sub-item (a) through (e) below, were interrupted by the crises in Lebanon and the process of relocating the Commission to its permanent Headquarters in Baghdad. However, progress in the implementation of its programme as planned in the 1982-1983 Programme Budget became more pronounced beginning in the second half of 1982.

(a) Progress made in the implementation of the work programme

Under this sub-item the Commission will have before it the following three documents:

E/ECWA/162

E/ECWA/162/Add.1

E/ECWA/162/Add.2

Document E/ECWA/162 contains the agenda for sub-item (a).

Document E/ECWA/162/Add.1 contains the progress report on the implementation of the work programme covering the programmed activities of ECWA's divisions and units in 1982 and the activities undertaken by the Commission at the request of its member States and/or the United Nations.

Document E/ECWA/162/Add.2 contains the report on technical co-operation activities including regional advisory services extended by the Commission to its member countries.

(b) Follow-up action on the resolutions of the Commission

Document E/ECWA/163 contains a summary of the action taken in implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Commission at its ninth session and at previous sessions and whose implementation is still in progress.

- (c) Follow-up action on the implementation of ECWA resolution 107 (IX) on international assistance to the flood stricken areas of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen.

Under this sub-item, the Commission has before it document E/ECWA/164 containing a report of activities undertaken by the secretariat following the adoption of resolution 107 at the Commission's ninth session.

- (d) Earthquake in Yemen

Document E/ECWA/165 provides background information on the Commission's participation in the fact-finding mission to Yemen regarding damages and losses from the earthquake.

- (e) Follow-up action on the implementation of ECWA resolution 27 (III) on the general study of the economic and social situation and potential of the Palestinian Arab People.

Document E/ECWA/166 contains a summary of the activities undertaken by the secretariat following the adoption of resolution 88(VIII) at the Commission's eighth session, in pursuance of resolution 27(III), the final report on the economic and social situation and potential of the Palestinian Arab people in the region of Western Asia is contained in E/ECWA/166/Add.1.

- Item 8. Programme of work and priorities for 1984-1985, and Report of the Standing Committee for the Programme.

Document E/ECWA/167 contains the programme of work and priorities of the Commission for the period 1984-1985.

Document E/ECWA/167/Add.1 contains the report of the Standing Committee for the Programme which was established in accordance with paragraph 4 of ECWA resolution 114(IX) and which was endorsed by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1982/64 on "Establishment of a Standing Committee for the Programme of the Economic Commission for Western Asia". In accordance with resolution 1982/64, the Standing Committee for the Programme as the main subsidiary organ of the Commission, composed of all members of the Commission, shall assist the Commission in the execution of its responsibilities for programme review, planning, programming, evaluation and co-ordination.

The Standing Committee for the Programme will consider the Commission's programme of work and priorities for 1984-1985 contained in document E/ECWA/167 at its first session to be held in Baghdad from 7-9 May 1983. The report of the Committee contained in document E/ECWA/167/Add.1 will be presented to the Commission at its tenth session for discussion prior to its adoption.

Item 9. Follow-up action at the regional level on the United Nations world conferences and ECWA regional meetings.

This item has been included since the seventh session of the Commission as a standing item on the agenda of all its future sessions. It provides for a brief review of the proceedings of the regional meetings of the Commission and the world conferences of the United Nations which may have a bearing on the future activities of the Commission.

The session will have before it document E/ECWA/168, a note from the Executive Secretary, and document E/ECWA/168/Add.1 which contains a report on the World Assembly on aging (Vienna, 26 July to 6 August 1982) and on the Commission's activities relating to it since its last session.

Item 10. The financial status of the Commission's programmes

Document E/ECWA/169 contains a statement on the financial status of the Commission's programmes including the regular and extrabudgetary resources of the United Nations and resources made available to the Commission during the year from other sources.

In document E/ECWA/169/Add.1, the secretariat reports on the status of the Trust Fund for ECWA Regional Activities.

Document E/ECWA/169/Add.2, contains details on the extrabudgetary sources of funds that were available to the Commission during 1982.

Item 11. Co-operation among developing countries; and regional organizations

The Commission will have before it document E/ECWA/170 in which the secretariat reports on its activities undertaken in support of economic and technical co-operation among developing countries and regional organizations.

Item 12. Other business

Under this item, the Commission will take up any urgent matter that it may decide to add to the agenda.

Item 13. Adoption of the Commission's report on the tenth session

Provisions of Economic and Social Council resolutions require the Commission to ~~adopt~~ a report on every session it holds. Accordingly, at the closing meeting of its tenth session, the Commission will adopt its report on that session. The Commission will forward copies of that report to the members of the Economic and Social Council and will submit a summary thereof to the second ordinary session of the Council which will meet in July 1983 in Geneva.