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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

- 1. Opening addresses on the occasion of the first session of the Economic Commission for Western Asia.

The Secretary-General will open the session at 10:00 a.m., on Monday, 3 June 1974, at the Phoenicia Hotel in Beirut.

His Excellency Suleiman Frangié, President of the Republic of Lebanon, is expected to address the Commission.

- 2. Election of officers

The Commission may wish to elect a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen and one Rapporteur.

- 3. Adoption of the agenda

The text of the provisional agenda was attached to the letter of convocation sent by the Secretary-General on 29 April 1974 (E/ECWA/1).

- 4. Invitations to States Members of the United Nations to participate in a consultative capacity in the work of the Commission (paragraph 4 of the Commission's terms of reference - Economic and Social Council resolution 1818 (LV)).

The Executive Secretary will inform the Commission of communications received from States Members of the United Nations not members of the Commission requesting participation in a consultative capacity in the work of the Commission at its present session, in accordance with paragraph 4 of its terms of reference.

5. General Statements

Members of the Commission may wish to make general statements on any questions within the competence of the Commission.

6. Adoption of the rules of procedure of the Commission

According to paragraph 9 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1818(LV) "The Commission shall adopt its own rules of procedure, including the method of selecting its Chairman". In document E/ECWA/2, The Executive Secretary submits to the Commission, for its consideration and adoption, the draft rules of procedure prepared in consultation with the Office of Legal Affairs.

7. Site of the Headquarters of the Commission

The Executive Secretary will circulate the text of any proposal received by him on the site for the Headquarters of the Commission.

8. Terms of reference

The text of Economic and Social Council resolution 1818(LV) establishing the Economic Commission for Western Asia is reproduced in document E/ECWA/3.

9. Programme of work and priorities of the Commission

The Executive Secretary wishes to draw the attention of members of the Commission to document E/ECWA/4 which contains his proposals for the over-all approach to the activities of the Commission, for the work programme for 1975 and for the following years. Members of the Commission may wish to consider the proposals, particularly those dealing with the scope and priorities of the work programme. The work programme as adopted will be submitted for approval to the Economic and Social Council at its fifty-seventh session (3 July to 2 August 1974).

10. Applications for membership in the Commission submitted by States Members of the United Nations which are not members of the Commission.

The Executive Secretary will circulate the texts of applications received by him for membership in the Commission, in accordance with paragraph 2 of the terms of reference of the Commission.

11. Other business

12. Adoption of the report of the first session

The Commission will adopt its report to the Economic and Social Council on its first session.
