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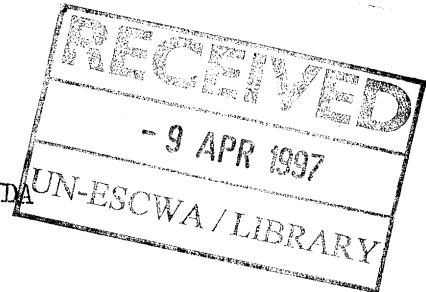
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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1 - Opening of the session

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 a Rapporteur, who shall hold office until their successors are elected. They shall be eligible for re-election".

Item 3 - Adoption of the agenda

- Provisional agenda (E/ECWA/43)
- Annotated provisional agenda (E/ECWA/43/Add.1)

In accordance with Rule 5 of the Commission's provisional rules of procedure, the Executive Secretary has drawn up the provisional agenda for the session in consultation with the Chairman. The representatives can either adopt the provisional agenda as it stands in document E/ECWA/43 or to approve it in an amended form in accordance with Rule 9 of the Commission's provisional rules of procedure.

Item 4 - Consideration of applications of States Members of the United Nations not members of the Commission to participate in a consultative capacity in the fourth session of the Commission

The Commission will have before it, for its consideration, document E/ECWA/47, a note on applications received from States Members of the United Nations not members of the Commission to participate in a consultative capacity in the fourth

session of the Commission, in accordance with paragraph 4 of the Commission's terms of reference as laid down in Economic and Social Council resolution 1818 (LV). (E/ECWA/47).

Item 5 - Application of the Palestine Liberation Organization for full membership of the Commission

Under the terms of the resolution 12 (II) the Palestine Liberation Organization was accorded permanent observer status in the Commission. The Organization has recently made an application for full membership of the Commission. Reference is made to this application in the relevant document in the light of the provisions contained in the Commission's provisional rules of procedure and Economic and Social Council resolution 1818 (LV). (E/ECWA/46).

Item 6 - Report on the activities of the Commission since 15 May 1976

The activities of the Commission undertaken since 15 May 1976 are reported under the following sub-items:

(a) Progress made in the implementation of the Work Programme

The progress report lists the measures taken since the conclusion of the third session to implement the Commission's programme of work and priorities for 1976-1977 and also deals with achievements made in connexion with certain deferred projects in the work programme for 1975 together with activities undertaken by the Commission outside the scope of the work programme. (E/ECWA/45). Three other subsidiary reports will in due course be circulated to member States on the following subjects:

1. The brain drain problem: causes, consequences and remedies. (E/ECWA/45/Add.1).
2. The Euro-Arab dialogue. (E/ECWA/45/Add.2).
3. The project for the ECWA Documentation Centre. (E/ECWA/45/Add.3).

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

Under this sub-item, a progress report will be submitted to the Commission. The report depicts follow-up action taken to implement the provisions of certain resolutions adopted by the Commission at its third session (May 1976). (E/ECWA/48).

Document E/ECWA/48 Add.1 contains report on the United Nations inter-disciplinary advisory team to Lebanon, in implementation of the Commission's resolution 24 (III).

(c) Report on the Regional Preparatory Meeting for the United Nations Water Conference, Baghdad, Iraq, 11 - 16 December 1976

On the basis of Economic and Social Council resolutions 1751C (LIV) and 1979 (LIX) the General Assembly of the United Nations, in its resolution 3513 (XXX), welcomed the convening of the United Nations Water Conference in Argentina from 7 - 18 March 1977 and approved the arrangements made by the Council in preparation for holding the Conference.

These arrangements comprised the holding of regional preparatory meetings including the ECWA Regional Preparatory Meeting which was held in Baghdad, Iraq, from 11 - 16 December 1976.

Document E/ECWA/42/Rev. 1 contains ECWA's report on the above meeting.

Third Biennial
Item 7 - Review and appraisal of progress in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade

Under this item, the Commission will have before it, for its consideration, a report (E/ECWA/49) on the third biennial review and appraisal of progress in the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the United Nations Second Development Decade in Western Asia. The report is prepared pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (81) of General Assembly resolution 2626 (XXV). It focuses on developments in the period 1971-1976 with respect to selected Strategy targets and policy issues of concern to the Region, such as growth of output and changes in its structure; investment-savings efforts; developments in certain sectors; trade expansion, economic co-operation and regional integration; and social aspects of development.

Item 8 - Co-operation among developing countries

For the consideration of this item, the commission will have before it document E/ECWA/52 on "The Role of Regional Commissions in Promoting Co-operation among the developing countries." The document depicts recent major

developments in co-operation among developing countries and examines the role of ECWA in promoting such co-operation among its member countries and between them and other developing regions. It also looks into arrangements aimed at enabling ECWA to play an effective co-ordinating role for the activities of the United Nations system especially at the regional level.

Item 9 - Draft Programme of Work and Priorities of the Commission for the period 1978-1979

Under this item, the Commission will have before it two documents E/ECWA/44 and E/ECWA/44/Add.1. The first document contains a draft of the Commission's Programme of Work for 1978-1979 under the various substantive programmes as envisaged under the medium-term plan for 1978-1981.

The second document presents the Commission's draft Work Programme under "Transnational Corporations Programme" for 1977 and for the biennium 1978-1979. The Commission's work programme in this field was formulated on the basis of the agreement concluded with the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations (CNETC) on 3 December 1976.

Item 10 - Mechanisms for the transfer and development of technology in the Arab countries

The Commission will have before it document E/ECWA/50, under this item. After reviewing the aspects of dependence of the Western Asia region on outside technology, and summarizing the steps taken by the international community dealing with the transfer of technology at the international and regional levels, the report proceeds to propose the establishment of "A Western Asia Centre for the Transfer and Development of Technology", detailing the long term and immediate objectives of the Centre together with its proposed functions.

Item 11 - Place of the 1978 session

Under this item, the Commission will have before it document E/ECWA/51, which contains a note from the Executive Secretary on the provisions that should be taken into consideration in the eventuality of holding sessions of the Commission away from the Commission's provisional headquarters.

Item 12 - Any other business

Under this item, the Commission is requested to consider any other matter not specifically covered under the preceding items on the agenda.

Item 13 - Annual report of the Commission to the Economic and Social Council

The Commission is expected to present each year to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) a report on its activities and programmes. The annual report of ECWA to the Council will consist of an account of the activities undertaken by the secretariat since 15 May 1976, together with the proceedings of the fourth session, the resolutions adopted at the session, and the Programme of Work and Priorities for 1978-1979. The report will be approved by the Commission at its final meeting of the session, and will be submitted to the sixty-third session of ECOSOC.

