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Note from the Executive Secretary

Co-ordination and Co-operation with Regional and Arab Institutions, Funds and Organizations.

The secretariat has received the following note from the delegation of Kuwait concerning its request for the inclusion of a permanent sub-item on the agenda of the fourth session and also of all future sessions of the Economic Commission for Western Asia to be headed "Co-ordination and co-operation with regional and Arab institutions, funds and organizations":

"Having considered the items on the provisional agenda of the fourth session, and studied the documents relating to these items;

Owing to the fact that the Arab States are currently passing through a period of rapid and far-reaching economic, social and industrial progress rarely experienced by other countries in this manner, and in order to keep pace with this far-reaching progress, numerous institutions, commissions and funds have appeared in these States with the aim of furthering development. It is, therefore, necessary for the Commission to avoid repetition and duplication of work vis-à-vis these other institutions and organizations, particularly since the Arab League comprises within its organizational framework many specialized councils, committees, organizations and institutions that may be undertaking the same tasks and duties as those assigned to the sub-committees comprised within the Economic Commission for Western Asia.

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We therefore call for the establishment of close co-ordination and co-operation between the Commission, the Arab League and other institutions and organizations in regard to the exchange of information and expertise, consultations, research and projects, participation in meetings and discussions and the extending of assistance to national institutions in member States.

Similarly, the process of monitoring co-ordination and co-operation between the Commission and other institutions, organizations and funds is considered to be of great importance since it gives us a clearer idea of the obstacles and problems that may impede the implementation of this activity and, consequently, makes it possible to devise appropriate ways and means of maintaining the continuity of co-ordination and co-operation between the Commission and other organizations aiming at the achievement of the same objectives and tasks as those assigned to the Commission without wastage of effort, resources and time.

We therefore propose the inclusion of a permanent item on the agenda of all future sessions of the Commission under the heading "Co-ordination and co-operation with regional and Arab institutions, funds and organizations".