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FOR PARTICIPANTS

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HOW TO GET TO ECWA

The headquarters of the United Nations Economic Commission for Western Asia is located in Ameriya on Airport Road. To come to the ECWA compound (from the airport) make a right turn just as you arrive at the Abbas Bin Firnas monument. ECWA's telephone numbers are 5569400-40.

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General

1. The twelfth session of the Economic Commission for Western Asia will be held in Baghdad, Iraq, from 20-25 April 1985.
2. The Technical Committee for the Programme will hold its third meeting on the Programme of Work and Priorities 1986-1987 in the Committee Room of the Conference Building from 20-23 April.
3. The official inaugural session of the Commission at the ministerial level will be convened at 10 a.m. on 24 April for two days.

Reception on arrival

Provided that advance notice is given, participants will be met on arrival at Saddam International Airport and will be assisted with the customs formalities. Hotels will provide complimentary transport service from the airport for their guests.

Expected date and time of arrival in Baghdad and flight number should be sent to ECWA by cable, telex or letter. The cable address is UN-ECWA BAGHDAD, Telex 213303 IK, P.O. Box 27. ECWA should be notified as soon as possible of any change in a participant's arrival plans.

The above information should be supplied in addition to official notification by Governments and organizations, etc. to the Executive Secretary of ECWA, Baghdad, concerning the composition of delegations.

Participants are advised to attach "ECWA BAGHDAD" labels to their baggage and to wear the identity badges for easy identification in order to avoid any inconvenience to them such as possible delay at the airport on arrival. The labels and identity badges will be provided to participants together with this circular.

Regulations for visitors

Health certificates

The following health certificates are required from foreigners visiting Iraq:

Cholera: For arrivals from epidemic areas, with the exception of children under 12 months, a vaccination certificate valid six days after the first vaccination and for six months after the second.

Yellow fever: For arrivals from epidemic or previously epidemic areas: a vaccination certificate valid 10 days after vaccination for 10 years.

Smallpox: For arrivals from epidemic or previously epidemic areas, with the exception of children under 12 months: a vaccination certificate valid eight days after the first successful vaccination for 3 years.

Currency

<u>Currency</u>	<u>Allowed on entry</u>	<u>Allowed on departure</u>
Iraqi	ID 25	ID 5
Foreign	No limit (except Israeli currency) If visitor intends to take out amounts brought by him into Iraq, a declaration on the proper Exchange Form is required.	
Travellers Cheques	Idem.	

Customs

A tourist may have the following admitted duty-free: 200 cigarettes, 50 cigars, 250 gms. of tobacco, 1 litre of wine or alcoholic beverage, 1 litre of perfume. Also: one camera, one radio, one recorder, with the provision that he shall take them out with him/her on departure.

Where to stay

First Class Hotels

Al-Rasheed (an Oberoi hotel)

(Al-Mansour, Phone: 8871300)

The Al-Rasheed is located on the outskirts of the city centre close to ECWA headquarters. Rates for rooms are:

Single Room: ID. 25.000 less 25% discount, i.e.
ID. 18.750 plus 10% service charge
including continental breakfast.

Double Room: ID. 30.000 less 25% discount, i.e.
ID. 22.500 plus 10% service charge
including continental breakfast.

Breakfast and lunch or dinner on fixed menu (2 choices) cost ID. 5.800 plus 10% charge and a la carte meals are available from between ID 3.500 to 5.000. There is 24-hour room service and free entrance to the swimming pool, tennis courts and bowling. The hotel also arranges transportation for its guests twice a day for the duration of the meeting. It also provides airport pick-up and a shuttle coach service from the hotel to various important points in the city.

Al-Mansour Melia Hotel

Haifa Str. Phone: 8886105/9

The Mansour Melia Hotel is located on Haifa Street, some ten minutes drive from ECWA headquarters.

It has de luxe rooms and suites which are fully air-conditioned, equipped with colour TV. in-house video films, radio, mini-bars, etc.

Among the hotel's many features are; free entrance to swimming pools, tennis, saunas, bank, gymnasium, airlines office and airport shuttle service. The hotel also arranges group transportation for its guests to and from the ECWA headquarters for the duration of the meeting.

Rates for rooms are:

Single Rooms: ID 25.000 less 25-30% discount
Double Rooms: ID 30.000 less 25-30% discount
Jr. suite : ID 35.000 less 25-30% discount
Sr. suite : ID 45.000 less 25-30% discount.

Upgrading of rooms for V.I.P. participants while charging the price of a standard room is also possible.

Meals: Breakfast - ID 2-3½ + 10% service charge
Lunch - ID 5½ + 10% service charge
Dinner - Will be charged according to the selection from a la carte or a set menu.

Continental breakfast is included in the room rates.

Al-Sadeer Novotel

Andalus Square, Phone: 7765043

Novotel is located in the city centre. Rates for rooms are:

Single Rooms: ID 15:000
Double Rooms: ID 18.000
Breakfast : ID 2.000
Meals : ID 7.000 plus 10% service charge.

The hotel will provide free transportation to and from the airport as well as two trips a day from the hotel to ECWA headquarters and return.

Ashtar-Sheraton: Saadoun str., Phone 8889500/9

Palestine-Meridian: Saadoun str., Phone 8875641

Babylon Oberoi: Phone 7761964

Where to eat

Lunch: The hotels' coffee shops.

Lunch/Dinner: The hotels' grills (reservation), coffee shops, Italian restaurant, Al-Mansour Melia State Organization restaurants:

Khan Murjan	Al-Rasheed str.
Al-Zeytoun	Abu Nawas str.
Italian Restaurant	Jadriya
Chinese Restaurant	Jadriya

These and other available hotels are located in or near the city centre and entail commuting to ECWA meetings.

What to wear

Iraq's climate varies in accordance with the four seasons.

Winter: In December, January and February, it tends to be cold. Temperatures may sometimes drop to below 0°C. Warm woolen clothes are then necessary. Overcoats or raincoats may be advisable.

Spring: In March, April and May, the climate is temperate. Light woolen or cotton clothes are worn. A raincoat may sometimes be necessary.

Summer: In June, July and August, light cotton clothes are advisable.

Autumn: In September, October and November, clothes similar to those worn in spring are advisable.

Transportation

ECWA will not be able to provide transportation facilities during the conference. Participants may wish to make their own arrangements for getting to and from meetings and other social functions.

The Rasheed Hotel, Mansour Melia Hotel and Al-Sadeer Novotel will arrange transportation for their guests twice a day for the duration of the meeting. Guests may check with the hotels for schedule.

Some taxi offices in Baghdad

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Saad	6/2/82/609 Wihda Quarter	90982
Baghdad Car	42/2/2/929 Babylon Quarter	97721
Tourist	1/1/903 Karrada Quarter	95662
Sindbad	119/1/38/903 Karrada Quart.	92964
Rafidain	20/1 Walid str., Wihda Quart.	92854
Diana Car	53/9/929 Wihda Quarter	98433
Sumer	2/1/164 Alwiya Quarter	92143
Zuhair	22/6/5/929 Babylon Quarter	97985
Babylon	27/3/77/903 Karrada Quarter	99194
Ghazi	66/906 Wihda Quarter	93554
Niveveh	Saadoun str., (Opp. Agadir Hotel)	

Identification

All cars entering the ECWA premises will be checked at the gate. All participants are requested to wear their badges all the time. Nobody will be allowed to the Conference area without a badge.

Banking

A branch of the Rafidain Bank is located in the ECWA building.

Banking hours are as follows:

Summer: Saturday to Wednesday: 7.30a.m.- 1 p.m.
Thursday : 7.30a.m.-12.30p.m.

Winter: Saturday to Wednesday: 8 a.m.- 1 p.m.
Thursday : 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

The bank carries out all banking transactions, including foreign exchange. The main office of the Rafidain Bank is located on Al-Bunuk street and its telephone number is 8877331, 8889725, 8870244. The bank has 90 branches and 11 offices in principal hotels in Baghdad, 121 branches and 3 offices outside Baghdad, and 6 branches abroad.

Travel reservations

Delegates are requested to confirm return travel reservations well in advance. The ECWA Travel Office will assist the participants with their reservations.

Postal services

Mail intended for participants should be addressed as follows:

c/o UN-ECWA
P.O. Box 27
Baghdad - Iraq

Letters and telegrams addressed to participants in meetings are distributed by the conference staff at the meeting. Participants who expect mail to arrive after their departure should give the conference staff the address to which it should be forwarded.

Telephone

Incoming telephone calls for participants in meetings will be put through to the delegates whenever practicable. Long-distance and international calls can be requested by the delegates against payment at the official government rates.

Medical facilities

There are many private clinics and specialized doctors' offices which charge nominal fees for their services.

For further treatment and other emergency cases the following are available: Medical City Hospital; Al-Yarmouk Hospital, Al Karama Hospital; Ibn Al Nafees Hospital; Private Nursing Home. A doctor and an attending nurse are on duty at the Conference Building. For telephone numbers please see page 14.

Telex

Hotels charge 20 per cent in addition to the official tariff for telex communications.

Government office hours

Iraqi time is three hours ahead of Greenwich mean time.

Summer office hours: 8 a.m.- 3 p.m. weekdays
8 a.m.-12.30p.m. Thursdays
Winter office hours: 8 a.m.- 3 p.m. weekdays
8 a.m.-12.30p.m. Thursdays

Summer time begins in Iraq on 1 April by advancing the clock by one hour at midnight, and ends on 30 September by putting the clock back by one hour at midnight.

Office hours during the month of Ramadan begin one hour later in all Government departments and establishments, except for those whose work requirements demand otherwise.

Shopping

Most shops are open daily from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. They generally close on Fridays.

A large variety of souvenirs can be found in the souks and bazaars located just off Rashid Street, between Martyrs (Shuhada) Bridge and Ahrar Bridge. One of the most interesting is the Souk Al Safafir (Coppersmiths' market). In addition, the Folklore Centre near Karrada Junction displays handicrafts from all parts of the country.

Electric Current

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Important telephone numbers

Ambulance	122
Police	104
Fire	115
Information	102
Civil Defence	5514538
Saddam International Airport	8872400
Airport Information	8872411
Maternity Hospital (Karkh)	5374191
Heart Surgery Hospital	7195111
Red Crescent Hospital	5376141
Medical City	4168611
Emergency Hospital	7195191
Alwiyah Maternity Hospital	7193003
Maternity Hospital	5374191

Credentials

It is requested that participants bring with them their official credentials duly signed by the appropriate authorities of their respective Governments, agencies or organizations, which will be handed to the Secretary of the Commission or the Conference Officer at the time of registration.

Documents

During the Conference, documents will be distributed at the documents distribution desks in the conference site. However, participants are earnestly requested to bring with them the complete set of documents sent to their Governments and organizations because only a limited supply of such documents will be available at the Distribution Counter.

Documents which participants wish to have circulated should be handed over to the Secretary of the Commission and/or the Conference Officer. A minimum of 100 copies is required to ensure distribution to each delegation. In accordance

with United Nations regulations for the control and limitation of documentation, the secretariat cannot undertake to reproduce documents or statements submitted by individual delegations unless the Commission specifically takes a decision to that effect and approves the financial implications thereof. Participants are advised to consult the Secretary of the Commission on any matter pertaining to the issuance or distribution of documents at the Conference.

ECWA Library

The main Library is located on the ground floor. The Library services are available to ECWA staff, the member States, Government officials, international organizations, university professors, researchers and others.

The collection of the Library contains: books; periodicals; newspapers; reports; microfilms; documents of the United Nations, specialized agencies, Arab Governments, and regional organizations in the economic, social and technical fields; reference material on economics, sociology, transportation, planning, statistics, natural resources, science and technology, as well as basic reference material.

The Library publishes: cumulative lists of ECWA documents; a list of periodicals available at the ECWA Library; bibliographies; contents of recent periodicals received at the ECWA Library; and acquisition lists.

The Library is open from 7.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. Books and documents can be borrowed by ECWA staff; all other users may consult the collection while in the Library. There is a limited photocopying service for outside users.

ECWA Senior Officials

		<u>Telephone</u>
Mr. M. S. Al-Attar	Executive Secretary	452
Mr. A. Al-Khishali	Deputy Executive Secretary	454
Mr. I. Al-Wali	Secretary of the Commission	436

For immediate assistance contact:

Mr. R. Van der Graaf	Acting Chief, Division of Administration	290
Mr. F. Ebeid	Chief, Conference Services Section	618
Mr. A. Mammo	Conference Affairs Officer	610

Annex 1

Airline Offices in Baghdad

<u>Airlines</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Iraqi Airways, Saadoun str.	8870051/8871175
Iraqi Airways, Rashid str.	8883416
Iraqi Airways, Adhamiya	22621
Iraqi Airways, Mansour	5521700
Pakistani Airways (PIA)	8887181
British Airways	8883346
Bulgarian Airways	8888978
Belgian Airways	8882276/96631
Polish Airways	8881314
Turkish Airways	8881383
Czechoslovak Airways	8871662/8871972
Gulf Air	8877566/8881146
Jordanian Airways (Alia)	8884955
Saudi Airways	8881269/8883554
Scandinavian Airlines (SAS)	8888238
Swiss Air	88873261/91937
Soviet Airlines (Aeroflot)	8881250
Finnish Airlines	8874516/8875880
Air France	8876624/8872751/8868341-4
Kuwaiti Airlines	8886337/8888018
Middle East Airlines	8873271/8871724/8882310
Hungarian Airlines	8889233
Air India	8880641
K L M	8873911
Japan Airlines	8875181/8875047
Alitalia	8887095/8889741
Yugoslav Airlines	886168
Lufthansa	8885457/8889771
Interflug (German Democratic Airlines)	8889789/8889780

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<u>Airlines</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Austrian Airlines	8872700
Balkan Airlines	8888978
Korean Airlines	8889500-9/8887137
LOT Airlines	8881382/8881314
Malev Airlines	8889233
JAT Airlines	8876168
Egypt Air	8871095

Note: All the above airlines have their main offices in Saadoun street, Baghdad.

Annex 2

EMBASSIES AND MISSIONS, BAGHDAD

A. ECWA Members

Bahrain

Al-Mansour, Al-Motanabbi Quarter 603/1/6
P.O. Box: 27117
Phone: 5521561-2-3

Democratic Yemen

Al-Wihda Quarter 906/8
Phone: 7196027-8

Egypt's Interests Section in the Embassy of Turkey

Karrada Mariam/Second str./Opp. Gas station
No.6/31/04
Al-Tashri' Quarter
Telex: 213039
Phone: 37347-34128

Jordan

Al-Kendi Quarter 213/11
Telex: 2850
Phone: 5512892

Kuwait

Al-Jami'a Quarter (Al-Jadriah) 915/5/35
Telex: 2108
P.O. Box: 3072
Phone: 7763151-3

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Lebanon

Iwadiyah/near Al-Tebb City, Askari str.
House No. 51
Telex: 2263
Phone: 8879056-8877863-8877857

Oman

Al-Harthiah Quarter 213/36/15
Telex: 212480
P.O. Box: 6810
Phone: 5518198

P.L.O. Office

Abu Nuwas Quarter 102/23/5
P.O. Box: 3122
Phone: 8880081

Qatar

Al-Harthiah, Al-Kendi 213/46
Telex: 212391
P.O. Box: 2445 (Alwiya)
Phone: 5512186

Saudi Arabia

Al-Mansour Quarter 609/1/148/1/7
Phone: 5513566
5513775

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United Arab Emirates

Al-Mansour Quarter 609/13/50
Telex: 2285
P.O. Box: 6192

Yemen

Al-Jadriah (Near Al-Karmah Hotel)
P.O. Box: 13037
Phone: 7769472-7196817-7191941

B. Other countries

Afghanistan (Democratic Republic)

Al-Maghreb Dist. 304/7/18
P.O. Box 674 (Central)
Cable: Afghan Embassy
Phone: 4429986

Algeria

I'lam Quarter/Karrada Mariam 222/35/20
P.O. Box: 444
Phone: 5372181-2-3/5374714

Argentina

Al-Jami'a Quarter 915/24/142
Telex: 3500
P.O. Box: 3244
Phone: 7768140/7763383

Australia

Al-Masbah 39B/35
Telex: 212148
P.O. Box: 661
Phone: 7193434-7193423

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Austria

Babel Quarter 929/2/5
Telex: 2383
P.O. Box: 294
Phone: 7199033-4

Belgium

Babel Quarter 929/27/25
Telex: 2450
P.O. Box: 2209 (Alwiyah)
Phone: 7198299-7198297

Bengladesh

Masbah Quarter 919/12/38/C/35
Telex: 2370
P.O. Box: 3123
Phone: 7190063

Brazil

Mansour Quarter 609/16/-
Telex: 2240
P.O. Box: 2088
Phone: 5511365

Bulgaria

Harthiah 9/12/53, Kendi street
Phone: 5520049

Canada

Mansour Quarter 609/1/33
Telex: 212486
P.O. Box: 323 (Central)
Phone: ~~55~~21459-~~55~~21932-~~55~~21933
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Central Africa

Kindy Quarter 213/11/10
P.O. Box: 8040
Phone: 5516520

China

Al-Jami'a Quarter 82/1/14
Telex: 2195
P.O. Box: 225
Phone: 7762766

Cuba

Babel Quarter
Arasat Hindiyah 929/7/-
P.O. Box: 2389
Phone: 7195177-7195978-7195179

Czechoslovakia

Al-Mansour Quarter
Dejla School street No. 37
P.O. Box: 27124
Phone: 5517136

Denmark

Al-Wihda Quarter 902/34
Telex: 212490
P.O. Box: 2001
Phone: 7193058-9

Djibouti

Mansour - Mutanabi Quarter 605/8/21

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Federal Republic of Germany

Babel Quarter - Masbah Square
Telex 212262
P.O. Box: 2036
Phone: 7192037-8-9

Finland

Babel Quarter 929/17/64
Telex: 2454
P.O. Box: 2041 (Alwiyah)
Phone: 7196154

France

Abu Nuwas Quarter 102/55/7
Telex: 212283
Phone: 7196061-2-3-4

German Democratic Republic

Babel Quarter 929/10/12
P.O. Box: 2052 (Alwiyah)
Phone: 7190071-4

Greece

Al-Jami'a Quarter - Al-Jadriah 913/31/63
Telex: 212479
Phone: 7769511

Hungary

Al-Jami'a Quarter 911/91/-
P.O. Box: 2065
Phone: 7763532-7763530-7765000

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India

Adhamiah Quarter 306/25/6

Telex: 2248

Phone: 22014-18

Indonesia

Wihda Quarter 906/2/77

Telex: 2517

P.O. Box: 420

Phone: 7198680-7198677-7198679

Italy

Al-Jadriah 73/1

Telex: 212242

P.O. Box: 2043

Phone: 7765058-9/7769105-6

Japan

Babel Quarter 929/17/70

Telex: 212241

P.O. Box: 355

Phone: 7195156-7

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mission

Al-Mansour Quarter 609/3

Telex: 2238

P.O. Box: 6187

Phone: 5511381-5518592

Malisia

Babel Quarter 929/34/6

Telex: 2452

P.O. Box: 1275

Phone: 719417-7194079-7192048

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Malta

Nil Quarter 503/49/-
Telex: 21319
P.O. Box: 2202 (Rasafa)

Mauritania

Mansour Quarter 601/4/-
Telex: 212381
P.O. Box: 6088
Phone: 5518261

Mexico

Babel Quarter - Karrada Sharkiah 903/36/1
Telex: 2582
Phone: 7192757

Morocco

Al-Mansour 601/11/27
Telex: 212387
P.O. Box: 6039
Phone: 5521779

Netherlands

Al-Jadriah Quarter 915/35/29
Telex: 212276
P.O. Box: 2069
Phone: 7767616-7-8

New Zealand

Jadriyah Quarter 19/2/D
Telex: 212433
P.O. Box: 2350 (Alwiyah)
Phone: 7768176-7-8

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Nigeria

Mansour Quarter - Almutanabi 603/3/2
P.O. Box: 5932
Phone: 5521750

Norway

Al-Mansour Quarter 609/3/20
Telex: 212715
P.O. Box: 1188
Phone: 5510097

Pakistan

Mansour Quarter 4725/7
Phone: 5511028

Philippines

Babel Quarter 929/3
Telex: 3463
Phone: 7193228

Poland

Babel Quarter 931/13/30
P.O. Box: 2051
Phone: 7191817-7190297-7190296

Portugal

Babel Quarter 925/25/79
Karrada Sharkiyah (Al-Horriah Square)
Telex: 2716
P.O. Box: 2014
Phone: 7764953-7764955-7769645

Romania

Al-Masbah, Al-Saffar Bldg. 203/7/19
Phone: 7198644-7198648

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Senegal

Mansour 213/31/6
P.O. Box: 1565 (Central)
Phone: 5520806

Somalia

Mutanabi Quarter 603/1/5
Telex: 2612
P.O. Box: 2078
Phone: 5510088

Spain

Riad Quarter 908/1/21
Telex: 3329
P.o. Box: 2072
Phone: 7190167-7192340-7191425

Sri-Lanka

Alwiyah 902/6/13
Telex: 212755
P.O. Box: 1074
Phone: 7193079-7193040

Sweden

Nidal Quarter 103/41/15
Telex: 212352
P.O. Box: 720
Phone: 7195417-7195379-7195361

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Switzerland

Masbah Quarter 929/5/41
Telex: 212243
P.O. Box: 2107 (Alwiyah)
Phone: 7193091-2-3

Tchad

Karrada Maryam 97/4/4
P.O. Box: 8037
Phone: 36160-36169

Thailand

Mansour Quarter 609/4/1
P.O. Box: 6062
Phone: 5518798

Tunis

Mansour Mutanabi str. 605/8/6
Telex: 2833
Phone: 5520324

Turkey

Waziriyah 2/8
P.O. Box: 14001
Phone: 4220022-4220021

Uganda

Mansour Quarter 609/1/41
P.O. Box: 27038
Phone: 5513594

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United Guyana

Mansour 609/1/61
P.O. Box: 568
Phone: 5515770

United Kingdom

Salahiddin street, Al-Karkh
Al-Karrada Quarter 903/29/16
Telex: 213414
Phone: 7191734-7195472-7199001

United States Interests Section (Embassy of Belgium)

Babel Quarter 929/7/57 (Opp. Ministry of Foreign
Affairs Club)
Telex: 212287
Phone: 7196139-7196138

U.S.S.R.

Mutanabi Quarter 605/5/4
Phone: 5514749-5514754

Vatican

Wihda, Irkhiteh 904/2/46
P.O. Box: 2090

Venezuela

Mansour Quarter 60/12/1
P.O. Box: 6/100
Phone: 5520965-5520894

Vietnam

Andalous Quarter (Mansour) 611/17/-
Phone: 5511388-5513409

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Yugoslavia

Babel Quarter 923/35/16

Telex: 213521

P.O. Box: 2061

Phone: 7767887

C. United Nations Offices/International
Organizations

FAO

Babel Quarter (Al-Jadriah) 923/15/1

Telex: 212699

P.O. Box: 163

Phone: 7766435 (4 lines)

UNDP

Abu Nuwas Quarter 102/17/153

Telex: 212271

Phone: 8874321 (5 lines)

UNICEF

Masbah, Babel Quarter 929/5/6,7

Telex: 2271

P.O. Box: 10036 (Karradah)

Phone: 7197921