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Item 4 of the provisional agenda

ORGANIZATION OF WORK**A. SENIOR OFFICIAL'S SEGMENT (8-9 MAY 2006)**Monday, 8 May 2006

9.00 - 10.00 a.m.

Registration of participants.

10.00 - 11.30 a.m.

First meetingItem 1

Opening of the Senior Official's segment.

Item 2

Election of officers.

Item 3

Adoption of the agenda.

Item 4

Proposed organization of work.

Item 5

Consideration of requests by States Members of the United Nations and/or its specialized agencies that are not members of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) to participate as observers in the twenty-fourth session of the Commission.

11.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.

Second meetingItem 7

Report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Commission:

- (a) Programme performance report for the biennium 2004-2005;
- (b) Follow-up to the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Commission at its twenty-third session.

Note: Should the discussion of any agenda item take less time than has been allocated thereto, discussion shall proceed to the next agenda item.

Monday, 8 May 2006 (*continued*)

3.00 - 6.00 p.m.

Third meeting

Item 7
(*continued*)

- (c) The technical cooperation programme and regional advisory services;
- (d) Mobilizing financial resources and funding;
- (e) Report of the seventh session of the Committee on Transport.

Tuesday, 9 May 2006

9.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

Fourth meeting

Drafting Committee:* Consideration of proposed draft resolutions for adoption by the Commission.

Item 8

Management issues:

- (a) Streamlining the work of the Commission:
 - (i) Consideration of the Statistics Programme;
 - (ii) Consideration of ESCWA intergovernmental machinery;
- (b) Proposed programme changes for the biennium 2006-2007;
- (c) Draft strategic framework for the biennium 2008-2009.

Item 9

Regional review of progress made by Yemen in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the decade 2001-2010.

1.00 p.m.

Fifth meeting

Adoption of the recommendations of the Senior Official's segment.

* The meeting of the Drafting Committee, which will consider the proposed resolutions for adoption by the Commission, will be held in parallel with the meetings of the general session.

B. MINISTERIAL SEGMENT (10-11 MAY 2006)

Wednesday, 10 May 2006

10.00 - 11.00 a.m.

Opening of the Ministerial segment.

11.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

First meeting

Item 6

Policy issues in the ESCWA region

- (a) New challenges in the region and their impact on the work of ESCWA;
- (c) Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in the ESCWA region: the Damascus Declaration.

3.30 - 5.30 p.m.

Second meeting

Item 6 (continued)(b) Ministerial roundtable on the theme of the session: Facing youth unemployment problems in the ESCWA region.

Thursday, 11 May 2006

12.00 - 1.30 p.m.

Closed meeting for heads of delegation.

1.30 - 2.00 p.m.

Third meeting

Item 10

Date and venue of the twenty-fifth session of the Commission.

Item 11

Other business.

Item 12

Adoption of the report of the Commission on its twenty-fourth session.
