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Annotated Provisional Agenda1. Opening of the session

In accordance with ECWA Resolution 125(11) the meetings of the twelfth session will start with a meeting of the Technical Committee starting from Saturday, 20 April 1985.

ECWA will hold its first ministerial meeting at 10 a.m. Wednesday, 24 April 1985 at the Conference Hall of ECWA headquarters, Baghdad. The first session will be chaired by the Chairman of the eleventh session of the Commission, who is the head of the delegation of Democratic Yemen, or by his representative, until the election of a chairman for the twelfth session.

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".

3. Adoption of the agenda

The Commission has before it the provisional agenda (E/ECWA/XII/1) and the annotated provisional agenda (E/ECWA/XII/1/Add.1). In compliance with rule 5 of the Commission's rules of procedure, the Executive Secretary has drawn up the provisional agenda for the session in consultation with the Chairman. The provisional agenda includes items as determined by the provisional rules of procedure of the Commission or by the decision of the Commission, the Economic and Social Council, the General Assembly of the United Nations, the Executive Secretary of the Commission or any member of the Commission.

The Commission can either adopt the provisional agenda as it stands in document (E/ECWA/XII/1) or approve it in an amended form in accordance with rule 9 of the Commission's provisional rules of procedure which provides that "... the Commission may revise the agenda by adding, deleting, deferring or amending items".

4. Organization of work

In this connection, the Commission will have before it document (E/ECWA/XII/2) containing proposals that the Commission may decide to adopt for the organization of work during the session.

5. Invitation of State Members of the United Nations not members of the Commission to participate in a consultative capacity in the twelfth session of the Commission

The Commission will have before it for its consideration document E/ECWA/XII/3/Rev.1, regarding applications received from State Members of the United Nations not members of the Commission to participate in a consultative capacity in the twelfth session of the Commission, in accordance with paragraph 4 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1818(LV) and rule 63 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Commission.

6. Report of the Technical Committee

The Commission will have before it document (E/ECWA/XII/4) which contains a report by the Technical Committee on the work of its third session which immediately precedes the meeting of the ECWA annual session at ministerial level and which mainly considers the programme of work and priorities for 1986-1987, in addition to the items of the ministerial session agenda.

7. Report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Commission

The activities of the Commission during the year are reported under sub-items (a) and (b):

(a) Progress made in the implementation of the work programme

Under this sub-item the Commission will have before it the following document:

E/ECWA/XII/5
E/ECWA/XII/5/Add.1/Part I
E/ECWA/XII/5/Add.1/Part II
and from E/ECWA/XII/5/Add.2 to
E/ECWA/XII/5/Add.11

The document E/ECWA/XII/5/Add.1/Part.I contains the progress made towards the implementation of the work programme covering the programmed activities of ECWA's divisions and units in 1984 and the activities undertaken by the Commission at the request of its member States and/or the United Nations.

Document E/ECWA/XII/5/Add.1/Part II contains the report on technical co-operation activities including regional advisory services extended by the secretariat to its member countries.

Documents E/ECWA/XII/5/Add.2 to E/ECWA/XII/5/Add.11 contain reports prepared under the various programme elements.

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

Following is a summary of the action taken in the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Commission at its eleventh session and the number of their documents:

- (i) ECWA resolution 124(XI) on a general study of the economic and social conditions and potential of the Palestinian Arab people (E/ECWA/XII/6);
- (ii) ECWA resolution 125(XI) on the general policy-making structure of the Commission (E/ECWA/XII/6/Add.1);
- (iii) ECWA resolution 126(XI) on staff and administrative questions (E/ECWA/XII/6/Add.2);

- (iv) ECWA resolution 130(XI) on the strengthening of the ECWA programme in the area of increasing the participation of Arab women in development (E/ECWA/XII/6/Add.1).

8. Follow-up action at the regional level of the United Nations world conferences and ECWA regional meetings

The Commission will have before it two documents on follow-up actions at the regional level to two world conferences and to a regional preparatory meeting as follows:

(a) Fourth General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO IV): resolution 127(XI) (E/ECWA/XII/7);

(b) International Conference on Population (Mexico City): resolution 128(XI) (E/ECWA/XII/7/Add.1);

(c) Regional Preparatory Meeting for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women (Baghdad, 3-6 December 1984) (E/ECWA/XII/7/Add.1).

9. The financial status of the Commission's programmes

Document E/ECWA/XII/8 contains a statement on the financial status of the Commission's regular programme budget.

Documents E/ECWA/XII/8/Add.1 - E/ECWA/XII/8/Add.1/Suppl.1 contain details on the extrabudgetary sources of funds that were available to the Commission during 1984.

In document E/ECWA/XII/8/Add.2, the secretariat reports on the status of the Trust Fund for ECWA Regional Activities.

10. Current issues in regional co-operation and integration in Western Asia (Res. 119(X)): The role of the joint ventures in promoting economic co-operation and integration in Western Asia

This item has been included following the Commission's resolution 119(X) adopted at its tenth session, which requested the Executive Secretary to include a special item in the provisional agenda for discussion related to a priority theme, issue or problem facing the countries of the region. The Commission will have before it document E/ECWA/XII/9, which examines the role of the joint ventures in promoting economic co-operation and integration in western Asia.

11. Co-operation among developing countries and regional organizations

The Commission will have before it document E/ECWA/XII/10 in which the secretariat reports on its activities undertaken in support of economic and technical co-operation among developing countries (TCDC/ECDC) and regional organizations.

12. Other business

Under this item, the Commission will take up any urgent matter that it may decide to add to the agenda.

13. Adoption of the Commission's report on the twelfth session

Provisions of Economic and Social Council resolutions require the Commission to adopt a report on every session it holds. Accordingly, at the closing meeting of its twelfth session, the Commission will adopt the report on that session. The Commission will forward copies of that report to the members of the Economic and Social Council and will submit a summary thereof to the second regular session of the Council which will meet in July 1985 at Geneva.