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Beirut, 4-5 October 2017

Item 3 of the provisional agenda

**Organization of work****Note by the secretariat**

1. The secretariat of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) prepared the proposed organization of work of the eighth session of the Committee on Women in order to facilitate the consideration of the agenda items within the specified timeframe. The proposed organization of work enclosed in this document will be presented to the Committee which shall adopt it as submitted or with amendments.
2. The opening session of the Committee on Women will be held at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 4 October 2017. The Committee will hold four meetings in the two days of the session, as set out in the proposed organization of work enclosed in this document. The committee will conclude its eighth session at 4.30 p.m. on Thursday, 5 October 2017.
3. Each presentation shall last 10 to 15 minutes and the following discussion 30 minutes. Should the discussion of an item be completed before the specified time, the meeting will move on to the next item.



**Proposed organization of work**

| Date/time                        | Agenda item and documentation |  |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| <u>Wednesday, 4 October 2017</u> |                               |  |
| <b>Morning</b>                   |                               |  |
| 9-9.30 a.m.                      |                               | Registration of delegations.   |
| 9.30-10.30 a.m.                  | <u>Item 1</u>                 | Opening of the session.  |
|                                  | <u>Item 2</u>                 | Election of officers.  |
|                                  | <u>Item 3</u>                 | Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.<br><i>For discussion</i><br>Provisional agenda and annotations E/ESCWA/ECW/2017/IG.1/L.1<br>Organization of work E/ESCWA/ECW/2017/IG.1/L.2  |
| 10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.                | <u>Item 4</u>                 | Progress made in the advancement of women in the Arab region:  |
|                                  |                               | (a) Activities related to women advancement in the ESCWA programme of work, the Muscat Declaration on the Achievement of Gender Justice, and recommendations of the Committee on Women;<br><i>For discussion</i><br>Document E/ESCWA/ECW/2017/IG.1/3(Part I) |
|                                  |                               | (b) Technical cooperation activities and advisory services;<br><i>For discussion</i><br>Document E/ESCWA/ECW/2017/IG.1/3(Part II)  |
|                                  |                               | (c) Actions taken by member States pursuant to the recommendations of the Committee on Women.<br><br>(Presentations to be made by representatives of member States)<br><i>For discussion</i><br>Document E/ESCWA/ECW/2017/IG.1/3(Part III)                   |
|                                  |                               |  |
| <b>Afternoon</b>                 |                               |  |
| 2-4.30 p.m.                      | <u>Item 5</u>                 | Sustainable Development Goal 5:  |
|                                  |                               | (a) Gender equality indicators: data availability in Arab countries;<br><i>For discussion</i><br>Document E/ESCWA/ECW/2017/IG.1/4(Part I)  |
|                                  |                               | (b) Activities to support the Subcommittee on Gender Equality and the Sustainable Development Goals in 2016-2017.<br><i>For discussion</i><br>Document E/ESCWA/ECW/2017/IG.1/4(Part II)  |

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| <u>Thursday, 5 October 2017</u> |                               |   |
| <b>Morning</b>                  |                               |   |
| 9 a.m.-1 p.m.                   | <u>Item 6</u>                 | Enhancing the role of institutions in achieving gender equality in the Arab region (three roundtable discussions on the main theme of the session):<br><br>(a) Mainstreaming gender equality in public institutions;<br><br><i>For discussion</i><br>Document E/ESCWA/ECW/2017/IG.1/5(Part I)<br><br>(b) The role of institutions in times of peace and war;<br><br><i>For discussion</i><br>Document E/ESCWA/ECW/2017/IG.1/5(Part II)<br><br>(c) The economic cost of violence against women.<br><br><i>For discussion</i><br>Document E/ESCWA/ECW/2017/IG.1/5(Part III) |
| <b>Afternoon</b>                |                               |   |
| 2-4.30 p.m.                     | <u>Item 7</u>                 | Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2018-2019 in the advancement of women.<br><br><i>For discussion</i><br>Document E/ESCWA/ECW/2017/IG.1/6   |
|                                 | <u>Item 8</u>                 | Date and venue of the ninth session of the Committee on Women.  |
|                                 | <u>Item 9</u>                 | Other matters.  |
|                                 | <u>Item 10</u>                | Adoption of the recommendations made by the Committee on Women at its eighth session.<br><br><i>The draft recommendations will be submitted for discussion and adoption</i>   |

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