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Annotations

Day 1: 24 November 2020, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

1. Opening of the session

The Committee on Transport and Logistics will commence its twenty-first session at 10 a.m. on 24 November 2020 virtually through WebEx. The representative of the State that chaired the twentieth session of the Committee will make a welcome statement, followed by an opening address by the ESCWA secretariat.

2. Election of bureau members

Rule 18 of the Rules of Procedure of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia states: "Member States shall chair the sessions of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission on a rotating basis, in the Arabic alphabetical order employed by the United Nations. Unless the Commission decides otherwise, those bodies shall elect all their other officers".* The Committee shall also elect two vice-chairs and a rapporteur from among the representatives of member States.

3. Adoption of agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, which applies to subsidiary bodies states: "At the beginning of each session, once the Chair has assumed his/her duties in accordance with rule 12, the Commission shall adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda". Pursuant to that rule, the Committee shall adopt the provisional agenda as set out in document E/ESCWA/C.5/2020/L.1 or an amended form.

Follow-up issues

4. Implementation of activities under the ESCWA programme of work in transport and logistics, of technical cooperation activities and of recommendations made by the Committee at its twentieth session (E/ESCWA/C.5/2020/2)

The Committee shall review activities undertaken since the twentieth session, which was held in Amman on 9 and 10 December 2019, including activities under the ESCWA programme of work, technical cooperation activities implemented upon requests from members States and actions taken by the secretariat in implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee at its twentieth session.

The Committee is invited to review these activities and express views on them.

* ESCWA member States in the Arabic alphabetical order are as follows: Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Tunisia, Algeria, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Sudan, Somalia, Iraq, Oman, the State of Palestine, Qatar, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Egypt, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Mauritania and Yemen.

5. Developments in the geographic information system project for transport networks and facilities in the Arab region (E/ESCWA/C.5/2020/3)

The Committee shall review developments in the geographic information system (GIS) project for transport networks and facilities in the Arab region, based on a document recalling reasons for adopting the project and stages of its development, from establishing a pilot platform in cooperation with the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) to building and launching the currently adopted platform, as well as capacity-building activities aimed at training national focal points on its use.

The Committee is invited to present proposals on ways for fully benefiting from the project and call upon all member States to join it.

6. Improving road safety: the world and the Arab region (E/ESCWA/C.5/2020/4)

The Committee shall review global developments in road safety after the Third Global Ministerial Conference on Road Safety, held in Stockholm on 19 and 20 February 2020, and the United Nations General Assembly resolution of 31 August 2020 on improving global road safety ([A/RES/74/299](#)), and their implications for the Arab region. The Committee shall also review the modus operandi of the United Nations Road Safety Fund and its 2020 call for project proposals on improving road safety in low- and middle-income countries that it will consider for funding.

The Committee is invited to make recommendations for moving forward in improving road safety in the Arab region.

Transport and logistics under the COVID-19 pandemic

7. Round-table discussion 1: Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on transport in the Arab region (E/ESCWA/C.5/2020/CRP.1)

During the session, a first panel discussion will be held to review the impact on the transport sector of the COVID-19 pandemic and measures taken to combat it. The ESCWA secretariat has prepared a background paper, presenting information and quantitative data on the impact of the pandemic on air, sea, land and urban transport in the Arab countries, and making recommendations to ensure continuity of transport services and supply chains, and recovery of transport sectors.

Representatives of member States are invited to participate in the discussion and make presentations.

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Land transport and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

8. Sustainable land transport in Jordan (E/ESCWA/C.5/2020/5)

The Committee shall review a brief report on the outcomes of a project in which ESCWA is participating with the Economic Commission for Europe and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean to strengthen capacities of developing and middle-income countries (Georgia, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Paraguay and Serbia) for developing evidence-based transport policies that contribute to achieving transportation-related SDGs. The Committee shall take note of the outcomes of the project with regard to Jordan; in particular, the extent to which the transport components are consistent with international standards as measured by the indicators developed in the project.

The Committee is invited to present proposals on the indicators used and ways in which the project could be developed for the benefit of the region as a whole.

9. Round-table discussion 2: Role of technology and innovation in the development of the road transport sector in the Arab region (E/ESCWA/C.5/2020/CRP.2)

The Committee shall hold a second round-table discussion, based on the results of a survey carried out by ESCWA of the extent of use of technological applications in the road transport sector in the Arab countries. It will discuss policies needed for applying modern technology and innovation to improve performance of the sector.

Representatives of member States are invited to participate in the discussion and make proposals on the subject.

10. Date and venue of the twenty-second session of the Committee

The Committee shall agree on the date and venue of its twenty-second session.

11. Any other business

This item shall include any other business as may be decided by the Committee.

12. Adoption of recommendations made by the Committee on Transport and Logistics at its twenty-first session

The Committee shall consider the draft recommendations for discussion and adoption.
