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**REPORT**  
**OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**  
**BEIRUT, 21-22 JULY 2009**

**Summary**

The Technical Committee of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) held its third meeting at the United Nations House on 21 and 22 July 2009 and brought together representatives of ESCWA member countries.

The Committee agenda included a diversified series of items, mainly the regional and global priorities as well as their effects on the region, activities carried out since the second meeting of the Technical Committee, activities planned to the end of 2009 and the mechanisms of activating communication and facilitating follow-up between the ESCWA secretariat and member countries.

The meeting of the Committee coincided with the thirty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of ESCWA. For the occasion, ESCWA organized an official ceremony to launch activities related to the anniversary. The ceremony included a diversified musical and cultural concert.

This report reviews the most important issues raised in the discussion as well as the main recommendations adopted by participants following the discussion of each item of the agenda.

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## **Introduction**

1. The Technical Committee was established pursuant to the decision of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) in its twenty-fourth session held in Beirut from 8 to 11 May 2006. It aims to enhance direct communication between the ESCWA secretariat and member countries on economic and social development issues undertaken by ESCWA. The Committee is convened once every six months to follow up global and regional developments and the implementation of ESCWA's programme of work, as well as to provide support for its activities and projects.
2. The Technical Committee held its third meeting at the United Nations House in Beirut on 21 and 22 July 2009. The meeting coincided with the thirty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of ESCWA. For this occasion, the secretariat organized an opening session attended by high authorities from the host country as well as member countries.
3. The opening ceremony included a musical programme comprising musical passages by prominent Lebanese composers.
4. On the second day, representatives of member countries along with the secretariat discussed the items of the agenda, mainly regional and global priorities, activities carried out since the second meeting, activities planned to the end of 2009 and the ways of enhancing communication between the secretariat and ESCWA member countries. This report reviews the issues raised during discussions and the main recommendations adopted by the participants.

## **I. RECOMMENDATIONS**

5. The participants reached a number of recommendations and suggestions, some of which are related to topics included on the agenda and others to the nature of work of the Committee and the way of activating it. Suggestions and recommendations made by the delegates in the framework of technical topics included on the agenda were as follows:

(a) The need to unify efforts and suggest operational solutions for the financial crisis based on analytical studies prepared through the cooperation of ESCWA and member countries in order to present solutions compatible with the effects of the crisis on member countries. These effects vary among countries according to the situation of national economies, their dependence on the global economy and the capacity of their various sectors. The possibility of establishing a fund aimed at helping member countries to stand up to the financial crisis was also considered;

(b) Coordinating efforts and mechanisms, and undertaking necessary field researches and studies in order to suggest solutions aimed at standing up to the food security crisis at both regional and national levels through capacity-building; by attracting investments from countries capable of undertaking them to countries possessing lands and natural resources, thereby enabling them of receiving such investments; and looking into the participation of ESCWA and its member countries in global events dealing with food security, such as conventions organized by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). In that context, the Sudan and the Syrian Arab Republic suggested holding a conference to discuss the issue of food security and the ways of dealing with it, in particular by encouraging investment in agriculture in Arab countries with relative advantages and in the manner of the experience of the United Arab Emirates and the Sudan;

(c) Undertaking studies to evaluate the effects of climate change on water resources, as well as the effects of such a phenomenon on coastal regions, specifying projects that help in the adaptation to the effects of climate change and presenting them to the global environment facility finance fund;

(d) Adopting the new communication strategy that was presented to the Committee, wherein new communication lines are proposed aimed at facilitating the communication process between ESCWA and

member countries, among member countries, and between ESCWA and other organizations operating in the region, in particular the League of Arab States and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC);

(e) Working with member countries to review and develop the strategy for the follow-up to gender issues stemming from the Beijing Platform for Action in order to incorporate the Millennium Development Goals and the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women according to the region's particularities, in addition to working on its implementation;

(f) Instituting a task force within the Technical Committee to study the establishment of a consultative committee for urgent cases and development in times of crises and aimed at activating the role of ESCWA in peacebuilding and limiting the effects of crises on development, as well as presenting a recommendation in this context to the twenty-sixth ministerial session.

6. The recommendations made by delegates regarding ESCWA's nature of work and its activation were as follows:

(a) Modifying the frequency of the Technical Committee meetings such that it would convene three times every two years and a fourth time in cases of need following consultations between the secretariat and the head of the Committee, thereby providing member countries and the secretariat with sufficient time for following up resolutions adopted by ESCWA and presenting adequate reports to the Technical Committee;

(b) Revising the tasks of the Technical Committee as adopted in the first meeting, clarifying its role with regard to the follow-up to the implementation of ESCWA resolutions, and presenting the new suggested tasks to the members of the Committee at the subsequent meeting;

(c) Dedicating a web page for the Technical Committee on the ESCWA website to present issues dealt with by the Committee, and information related to its tasks and activities.

## **II. ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION**

### **A. REGIONAL AND GLOBAL PRIORITIES: THE FINANCIAL CRISIS, FOOD SECURITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE (Item 3 of the agenda)**

7. The Technical Committee examined this item based on document E/ESCWA/2009/C.3/3, which tackles the financial crisis, food security crisis and climate change in terms of their effects on the region, in addition to suggested solutions and ways to mitigate their impact.

8. The secretariat made a presentation on the financial crisis, in which it focused on the global effect of the crisis with regard to the development progress in member countries, workers' transfers and the performance of the various economic sectors.

9. In the following discussion, the delegates of the member countries agreed unanimously that the extent of interdependence between their national economies and the global economy made them more vulnerable to the financial crisis effects. There is a need to find solutions based on individual studies that analyse the various effects of the crisis between countries, and present effective operational solutions that can be implemented in the framework of cooperation and coordination. Suggested solutions included the following: encouraging financial flows, increasing governmental expenditure, adopting mechanisms that focus on feeding the production sectors, and enhancing secure investment in sectors that fortify the economy against difficulties arising from crises.

10. Subsequently, the secretariat made a presentation on the crisis of food security, in which it pointed to the roots of this crisis, namely, the increase of food prices in global markets, rise of energy prices and the

conversion of some productive agricultural lands into biofuel production. ESCWA member countries were found to be greatly exposed to the food security crisis given that they import 50 per cent of their total food requirements.

11. In the discussion that followed, the delegates of the member countries highlighted the fact that the food security crisis was of a global scale, significantly prone to volatility in the framework of globalization and economic interdependence and, therefore, needed to be dealt with in order to prepare for any repercussions.

12. Within the context of solutions that could contribute in alleviating the effects of the crisis that are expected to aggravate in the wake of the global economic recovery and the concomitant price rises, delegates suggested establishing a support fund fed by oil surpluses in order to alleviate the severity of the social and economic effects of the rise in oil prices in non-exporting oil countries. They also proposed encouraging secure investment in agriculture, industry and infrastructure sectors. The delegates praised the experience of the United Arab Emirates, which invested in the agriculture sector of the Sudan, and called for examining ESCWA's role in attracting this kind of investments from countries capable of investing to countries with arable lands in preparation for reinforcing food security.

13. The secretariat made a presentation on the phenomenon of climate change and tackled its effects on the different aspects of environmental, social and economic life, which causes waves of environmental emigration that has been witnessed recently in some ESCWA member countries. In fact, scientific projections indicate that while ESCWA member countries contribute comparatively less to climate change, they could be among the most harmed by its effects.

14. In the subsequent discussion, the delegates of the member countries indicated that the phenomenon of climate change is a global one that cannot be faced by individual countries. Rather it requires the combination of efforts in all fields in order to adopt measures for adapting to this phenomenon and limiting its effects.

15. The delegates also focused on the severity of the wave of dryness that is set to hit the region. Some countries already suffer from severe dryness and acute water shortage. This has led to the migration of thousands of people from regions that suffer from water scarcity. ESCWA must play a role in this area, given its important suggestions and contributions in the scope of capacity-building for negotiating on solving conflicts arising from common water sources, and taking the necessary measures aimed at ensuring their protection and usage.

16. In the general discussion under this item, the delegates praised the choice of the secretariat as to the subject of current regional and global priorities in view of their importance. They judged it necessary to include regional and global priorities as a permanent item on the agenda of the Technical Committee in view of the direct effects these have on member countries and on ESCWA's programme of work. The global financial crisis as well as the food security crisis and climate change all represent overarching topics, with diversified and plural dimensions that have imposed themselves on the development work programme; and while their effects do not spare any region or country, they vary between regions and countries. These crises must therefore be tackled within the framework of complementary efforts by studying them at the highest level of authorities in member countries; by analysing them in view of their effects on the region as a whole and on each member country, thereby defining solutions that are compatible with all countries and in a manner that promotes cooperation and implementation; and by evaluating the effect of procedures and measures taken by member countries so far aimed at facing these crises.

B. STRENGTHENING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SECRETARIAT AND  
ESCWA MEMBER COUNTRIES  
(Item 4 of the agenda)

17. The Technical Committee examined this item based on document E/ESCWA/2009/C.3/4. It discussed the mechanism for the follow-up to the implementation of the resolutions issued by ESCWA in its successive sessions, the ways of enhancing direct and continual communication between the secretariat and member countries, and the mechanism of follow-up to the recommendations of the technical committee.

1. *Follow-up to the implementation of resolutions issued by ESCWA*

18. The Committee examined document E/ESCWA/2009/C.3/4 (Part I), which contains a suggestion to activate the mechanism of the implementation of resolutions issued by ESCWA and their follow-up.

19. In the discussion that followed, the delegates of the member countries highlighted the need to grant the secretariat and member countries enough time to follow up the implementation of these resolutions, given that they require procedures taken at the highest administrative and technical levels. They also unanimously agreed on the need to coordinate the follow-up process in order to include all entities concerned with the topics of these resolutions.

2. *Communication strategy between the secretariat and member countries*

20. The secretariat made a presentation on a new strategy it prepared aimed at activating the communication process between ESCWA and member countries. It is a comprehensive strategy that requires modifying the prevailing communication pattern, which is restricted to communication channels between the secretariat and member countries, in order for it to include lines to communicate among countries through electronic informational channels and clear strategic messages.

21. In the subsequent discussion, the delegates of the member countries praised the suggested communication strategy and, moreover, proposed an expansion to incorporate regional organizations working in the region. A delegate proposed the elucidation of the inner cooperation and coordination mechanism within this strategy, in particular between focal points and the representatives of each country in ESCWA subsidiary committees.

3. *Follow-up to the implementation of the Technical Committee recommendations*

22. The Technical Committee examined document E/ESCWA/2009/C.3/4 (Part II). The secretariat made a presentation on the procedures it adopted and the activities it undertook in implementing the recommendations made by the Technical Committee in its second meeting.

23. The delegates praised the progress made in implementing the recommendations issued by the previous meeting of the Technical Committee in strengthening the relations between ESCWA and member countries in order to achieve fruitful and constructive cooperation. However, they pointed to the fact that some procedures and activities fell outside the time frame of the follow-up report that stressed the period extending from November 2008 until the date of the convening of the third meeting of the Technical Committee.

C. ACTIVITIES OF THE SECRETARIAT  
(Item 5 of the agenda)

24. The Technical Committee examined the two parts of document E/ESCWA/2009/C.3/5. The first part highlights an exposition of the main activities carried out since the second meeting of the Technical Committee in November 2008, while the second part contains the planned activities until the end of 2009.

25. The activities carried out include the following:

(a) *International Conference on Financing for Development*

26. The secretariat made a presentation on the International Conference on Financing for Development (Doha, 29 November-2 December 2008), in which ESCWA participated actively. The presentation tackled the topics underscored by the Conference and the results reached. At the end of the Conference, participants adopted the Declaration of Doha with its main points, namely, reaffirming the targets and commitments of the Monterrey Consensus, and the need to mitigate the effects of the global financial crisis that were leading to a recession in economic growth. It also linked the Declaration to the intertwined effects of climate change, food security crisis and the energy crisis.

27. In the discussion that followed, the delegates pointed to the importance of ESCWA's role in following up global issues, observing their effects on the region and looking into appropriate objective solutions to limit the effects of global economy crises.

(b) *Eighth session of the Committee on Water Resources*

28. The secretariat made a presentation on the eighth session of the Committee on Water Resources (Beirut, 17-19 December 2008), which included a summary of topics discussed during that session, particularly climate change and its effect on water resources in the ESCWA region, as well as the possible procedures to adapt to it and handle its effects; the progress made by member countries in achieving target 10 of Goal 7 of the Millennium Development Goals related to safe drinking water and basic sanitation; and the policies suggested in this context and the evaluation of water quality management in the ESCWA region. The Committee issued a report including the main recommendations.

(c) *Seventh session of the Committee on Energy*

29. The secretariat made a presentation on the seventh session of the Committee on Energy (Beirut, 5-6 February 2009). The presentation included a summary of topics raised in the session, primarily ways for the energy sector to contribute to sustainable growth and achieving the Millennium Development Goals in the ESCWA region. The Committee issued a report including the main recommendations.

(d) *Tenth session of the Committee on Transport*

30. The secretariat made a presentation on the tenth session of the Committee on Transport (Beirut, 31 March-2 April 2009). The presentation included a summary of topics included on the session agenda, namely, the harmonization of institutional frameworks and legislation in the transport sector in the ESCWA region, and expanding the scope of acceding to the adopted transport-related agreements. The Committee issued a report including the main recommendations.

(e) *Regional High-Level Consultative Forum on the Impacts of the International Financial Crisis on ESCWA Member Countries: The Way Forward*

31. The secretariat made a presentation on the Regional High-Level Consultative Forum (Damascus, 5-7 May 2009). The presentation included a summary of topics discussed during the Forum, whose main outcome was the Damascus Declaration on Responding to the International Financial Crisis in the ESCWA Region, which included a series of recommendations to member countries and another set to the ESCWA secretariat about ways of implementing common work to face the effects of the crisis more efficiently.

(f) *Sixth session of the Technical Committee on Liberalizing Foreign Trade, Economic Globalization and Financing for Development*

32. The secretariat made a presentation on the sixth session on Liberalizing Foreign Trade (Beirut, 6-7 July 2009). Among the topics discussed during the session were the pattern of trade policies and their effects on trade and economic performance in the ESCWA region, and the progress made in implementing the Monterrey Consensus and the Doha Declaration on financing development. The Committee issued a report including the main recommendations.

(g) *Regional meeting of Western Asian countries to prepare for the 2009 annual ministerial review of the Economic and Social Council: Implementing Internationally Agreed Goals and Commitments in Regard to Global Public Health*

33. The secretariat made a presentation on the preparatory meeting held in view of the annual ministerial review of the Economic and Social Council, which was hosted by Qatar on 10 and 11 May 2009. The meeting was organized by a joint initiative between ESCWA, the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the regional office of the World Health Organization (WHO). The participants discussed the issue of non-communicable diseases and injuries as they examined the challenges raised by these diseases and the initiatives adopted to face them in the ESCWA region. At the end of the meeting, the Declaration of Doha was adopted on non-communicable diseases and injuries, underscoring the need to develop multisectoral plans of action to stand up to these types of diseases.

(h) *Regional Follow-up Conference on the Outcome of the World Summit on the Information Society*

34. The secretariat made a presentation on the Regional Follow-up Conference on the Outcome of the World Summit on the Information Society (Damascus, 16-18 June 2009). The Conference issued the Damascus Declaration on Strengthening the Arab Knowledge Society for Sustainable Socio-economic Development. The Declaration mainly called for encouraging regional and foreign investments in the information sector, enhancing the cooperation between Arab countries, strengthening the role of non-governmental organizations and the business sector, and inviting international organizations to present more technical support to the countries of the region.

35. With regard to the activities planned before the end of 2009, these include expert group meetings in different domains of the committee specialization domain, implementing studies on global priorities and completing sessions of governmental committees. The main activities include the following:

(a) *Fourth session of the Committee on Women*

36. The secretariat made a presentation on the preparations for the fourth session of the Committee on Women (Beirut, 21-23 October 2009). It pointed out that the main topic of the session would be to enhance the economic participation of Arab women, handled by the Commission based on two studies, namely, on women's control over economic resources and access to financial resources, and on the impact of the global financial crisis on women in the Arab region.

37. In the subsequent discussion, delegates pointed to the importance of developing strategies and plans of action to implement the Beijing Platform for Action. They also indicated that follow-up reports to the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action under preparation by countries needed to be based on strategies and plans, rather than merely presenting a review of procedures undertaken by countries to incapacitate women and raise their status, thereby putting these procedures and classifying them according to modules of interest in the Beijing Platform for Action.

38. A delegate suggested adopting the term “national mechanisms of women” instead of “national committees for women”, particularly in view of the discrepancy in the nature of such mechanisms between different countries.

(b) *Seventh session of the Commission for Social Development*

39. The seventh session of the Commission for Social Development (Beirut, 26-27 October 2009) was set to incorporate a number of urging issues in the social development field, including a review of implemented outputs by ESCWA and in that context along with planned activities.

40. In the discussion that followed, delegates pointed to the importance of conserving the integrated social policy approach, which was adopted during the twenty-fifth ministerial session of ESCWA and was an item and a topic for discussion on the agenda of the seventh session of the Commission for Social Development.

**D. DATE AND VENUE OF THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**  
(Item 6 of the agenda)

41. The participants agreed to hold the fourth meeting of the Technical Committee in United Nations House, Beirut, during December 2009 on a date to be decided by the secretariat in consultation with the current ministerial session office.

**E. OTHER MATTERS**  
(Item 7 of the agenda)

42. Under this item, the Committee examined the issue of the H1N1 pandemic. The participants stressed that the lack of data currently prevented the evaluation of the economic effects of the disease. Consequently, ongoing efforts needed to focus on observing the repercussions on health and society as well as on the tourism sector.

**III. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE  
IN ITS THIRD MEETING**

43. The Technical Committee adopted the recommendations issued in its third meeting, which were exposed to it at the end of the meeting. The Committee presented its observations on the recommendations with the proviso that these would incorporate any suggested amendments thereto, and would be included in a comprehensive report on the actions and results of the meeting.

**IV. ORGANIZATION OF THE MEETING**

**A. DATE AND VENUE OF THE MEETING**

44. The third meeting of the Technical Committee was held at the United Nations House on 21 and 22 July 2009.

**B. OPENING**

45. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Technical Committee that stipulate that the chairmanship of the Committee shall coincide with the chairmanship of the ESCWA ministerial session, Yemen chaired this meeting in its capacity as chair of the twenty-fifth ministerial session, held in Sana'a from 26 to 29 May 2008.

46. The Technical Committee inaugurated its third meeting on Tuesday, 21 July 2009, at the United Nations House. This opening coincided with the launching of a series of ceremonies to mark the thirty-fifth

anniversary of the establishment of ESCWA. For this occasion, the secretariat organized a ceremonial programme under the auspices of the President of the Lebanese Republic, General Michel Suleiman, represented by His Excellency the Foreign Minister of Lebanon, Fawzi Salloukh; in the presence of Mr. Yassin Jaber, representing the Speaker of the Parliament; and His Excellency, Mr. Khaled Kabbani, representing the Prime Minister.

47. The ceremony began with the national anthem of Lebanon and the United Nations hymn. In his statement, Mr. Muhammad Ahmad el-Hawari, Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, Sector Studies and Economic Projections in Yemen, and chairman of the third meeting of the Technical Committee, praised the role of ESCWA in the regional integration path, its achievements over the past years, and wished it more prosperity and success in the future. He indicated that the agenda included a number of issues and items related to global and regional priorities that have imposed themselves on the development work agenda, namely, the global financial crisis, food security crisis and climate change. These priorities require cooperation and awareness in order to stand up to their effects in ESCWA member countries. Mr. el-Hawari stressed that the recession was evident in terms of development, investment and workers' remittances, thereby implying that this crisis had affected all the developmental economic variables.

48. In his statement, Mr. Bader el-Dafa, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCWA, welcomed the participants. He reaffirmed the role of international organizations in terms of seeking permanent solutions centred on the individual in the context of successive financial economic and environmental crises. These developments require a reappraisal of developmental programmes and concepts. The Executive Secretary reiterated the importance of holding to ESCWA's role and message in consecrating dialogue as well as in achieving stability in times of crises through robust cooperation between member countries and affiliate organizations working to achieve the same message and development centred on the individual.

49. The Foreign Minister of Lebanon, Fawzi Salloukh, delivered a speech in his capacity as sponsor of the ceremony. He praised the role of ESCWA since its establishment in enhancing cooperation and coordination between member countries, promulgating experience and knowledge, exchanging information to establish sectoral policies forming a motivation for the region to enhance its location on the global economy map, limiting the rates of poverty and unemployment, and improving the standards of living.

### C. PARTICIPANTS

50. The meeting was attended by representatives of member countries. A list of participants is included in annex I of this report.

### D. ADOPTING THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

51. The Technical Committee adopted the agenda of its third meeting in its ratified version, which is set forth in document E/ESCWA/2009/C.3/1. The agenda in its adopted form was as follows:

1. Opening of the third meeting of the Technical Committee.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Regional and global priorities: the financial crisis, food security and climate change.
4. Strengthening relations between the secretariat and ESCWA member countries:
  - (a) Follow-up to the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the ESCWA ministerial sessions;
  - (b) Enhancing communication between the secretariat and ESCWA member countries;

- (c) Follow-up to the implementation of the recommendations adopted at the second meeting of the Technical Committee.
5. Progress made in the activities of the secretariat:
    - (a) Main activities carried out since November 2008;
    - (b) Main activities planned to the end of 2009.
  6. Date and venue of the fourth meeting of the Technical Committee.
  7. Other matters.
  8. Adoption of the report of the Technical Committee in its third meeting.
52. The Technical Committee also examined the proposed organization of work and adopted it in its modified form as set forth in document E/ESCWA/2009/C.3/2.

#### E. DOCUMENTS

53. Annex II of this report contains the series of documents examined by the Technical Committee in its third meeting.

Annex I

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Ministry of Planning and International  
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Annex II

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

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	4 (b)	
	4 (c)	E/ESCWA/2009/C.3/4(Part II)
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2009	5 (b)	E/ESCWA/2009/C.3/5(Part II)
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