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The fourteenth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, to be held at the ministerial level, will convene at the Commission's headquarters in Baghdad, Iraq, on 4 and 5 April 1987. The formal inaugural session will begin at 10 a.m. on 4 April.

The ministerial meeting will be preceded by the fifth session of the Commission's Technical Committee, to be held from 31 March to 2 April.

All plenary meetings will be held in the main Conference Hall, located in the Conference Building.

Reception on arrival

Provided that advance notice is given, participants will be met on arrival at Saddam International Airport and will be assisted with Customs formalities. Hotels provide a complimentary transport service to and from the airport for their guests.

How to get to ESCWA

The headquarters of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia is in the Amiriyah Quarter, on the Airport Road. To reach the ESCWA premises from the airport, drive past the Abbas ibn Firmas monument and take the next exit, just before the overpass. To reach ESCWA from the city centre, take the Airport Road and make a U-turn just as you arrive at the Abbas ibn Firmas monument. Then, as above, take the next exit, just before the overpass. Turn right immediately, onto the road running parallel to the Airport Road. ESCWA headquarters is straight ahead on the left.

Participants should communicate the expected date and time of their arrival and their flight number to ESCWA by
cable or telex. The cable address is UN-ESGWA BAGHDAD, and the telex numbers 213303 or 213389 IK. ESCWA should be notified as soon as possible of any change of plans.

The above information should be supplied in addition to the official notification by governments and organizations to the Executive Secretary of ESCWA concerning the membership of delegations.

Please be advised that Iraqi Airways does not permit passengers to carry hand-baggage with them on board the aircraft.

Participants are advised to attach labels marked "ESGWA BAGHDAD" to their baggage and to wear identity badges for easy identification on arrival. This will enable them to avoid any inconvenience, such as possible delay at the airport. The labels and identity badges will be provided to participants together with this booklet.

Regulations for visitors

Health certificates

Only yellow-fever health certificates are required from foreigners visiting Iraq from epidemic or previously epidemic areas: a vaccination certificate is valid from 10 days after vaccination for a period of 10 years.

Currency

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<tr>
<td>Foreign</td>
<td>No limit (except on Israeli currency, which may not be brought into the country). If the visitor intends to take out any foreign currency brought into the country, a declaration on the proper Exchange Form is required.</td>
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<td>Traveller's cheques</td>
<td>The same restrictions apply.</td>
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Customs

The duty-free allowances are as follows: 200 cigarettes, or 50 cigars, or 250 grams of tobacco; 1 litre of wine or spirits; 1 litre of perfume. Each visitor may also bring into the country one camera, one radio and one cassette recorder, provided that they are re-exported on departure.

Where to stay

Arrangements have been made with Al-Rasheed Hotel (an Oberoi hotel, Haifa Str., Tel: 7766127) for the accommodation of participants. The hotel and ESCWA will also provide transport to and from ESCWA and social functions. The rates per night (including continental breakfast) are as follows:

Single room: ID 27.000  Junior suite: ID 55.000
Double room: ID 33.000  Presidential suite: ID 110.000

A service charge of 10 per cent is payable on all bills.

Lunch or dinner on a fixed menu (two choices) costs ID 6.000, and a la carte meals are available at between ID 3.500 and ID 5.000. There is a 24-hour room service and free entrance to the swimming pool, tennis courts and bowling alley. The hotel also provides an airport pick-up service and a shuttle coach service from the hotel to various important points in the city.

There are other first-class hotels in the city. However, for the convenience of participants (especially as regards transport), the above package is recommended.

Other hotels include:

Al-Hamra Suite Hotel  Jadiriyyah
Al-Mansour Melia Hotel  Tel: 7766982
Al-Sadeer Novotel  Haifa Street
Babylon Hotel  Tel: 5370041/2
Ishtar Sheraton Hotel  Andalus Square
Palestine Meridian Hotel  Tel: 7188166
Jadiriyyah
Tel: 7761964
Firdaws Square
Tel: 8875641
Firdaws Square
Tel: 8889540/9
Where to eat

Lunch: The hotel coffee shops.
Lunch/dinner: The hotel restaurants (reservations recommended) and coffee shops; and Middle Eastern restaurants, such as Khan Murjan on Al-Rashid St. (Tel: 8871444) and Al-Mudheef on Abu Nawas St. (Tel: 8879971).

Transport

As stated above, arrangements have been made with Al-Rasheed Hotel to provide transport during the period of the meeting.

Some taxi offices in Baghdad

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<td>7192854</td>
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<td>2/1/164 Alwiyah Quarter</td>
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<td>22/6/5/929 Babil Quarter</td>
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<td>Babylon</td>
<td>27/3/77/903 Karradah Quarter</td>
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<td>Ghazi</td>
<td>66/906 Wahdah Quarter</td>
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<tr>
<td>Nineveh</td>
<td>Sa'adoun St. (Opposite the Agadir Hotel)</td>
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Identification

All cars entering ESCWA premises will be checked at the gate. Participants are requested to wear their identity badges at all times. Persons without a badge will not be admitted to the area of the Conference Hall.

Banking

A branch of the Rafidain Bank is located in the Conference Building.

Banking hours are as follows:
Saturday to Wednesday: 7.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Thursday: 7.30 a.m. - 11.30 p.m.

The bank undertakes all banking transactions, including foreign exchange. The main office of the
Nafidain Bank is at Al-Bunuk Street, and the telephone numbers are 8877331, 8889725 and 8870244. The bank has 90 branches in Baghdad, including 11 offices in the principal hotels.

Travel reservations

Participants are requested to confirm their return travel arrangements well in advance. The ESCWA Travel Office will assist them with reservations.

Postal services

Mail for participants should be addressed as follows:

  c/o UN-ESGWA
  P.O. Box 27
  Baghdad, Iraq

Letters and telegrams are distributed to participants by the conference staff at the meetings. Participants who expect mail to arrive after their departure should give the conference staff the address to which it should be forwarded.

Telephone

Incoming telephone calls for participants will be put through to the meeting whenever practicable. Long-distance and international calls can be requested against payment at the official government rates.

Medical facilities

There are many private clinics and specialists. Fees are reasonable.

For emergency cases the following are available: Medical City Hospital, Yarmouk Hospital, Karamah Hospital, Ibn al-Nafis Hospital, and the Private Nursing Home. For telephone numbers, please see page 6.

It would also be advisable for participants to check the availability of any emergency arrangements with their embassies.

An attending nurse is on duty at the Conference Building.
Telex

ESCWA will handle delegations' telexes as far as possible, against payment of the official rate. Hotels charge 20 per cent in addition to the official tariff for telex communications.

Government office hours

Iraqi Time is three hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time.

Office hours: 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. From Saturday to
             Wednesday inclusive
             8 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Thursday

Iraqi Summer Time begins at midnight on 1 April, when
clocks are advanced one hour, and ends at midnight on 30
September, when clocks are put back one hour.

Shopping

Most shops are open daily from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and
from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. They generally close on Fridays.

A large variety of souvenirs can be found in the souks
and bazaars located just off Hashid Street, between
Shuhada Bridge and Abrar Bridge. One of the most
interesting is the Souk al-Safafir (coppersmiths' market). In addition, the Folklore Centre near the
Karradah Circle displays handicrafts from all parts of the
country.

Electric current

Local voltage is 220V AC at 50 Hz.

Important telephone numbers

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<td>International telephone calls</td>
<td>105</td>
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<td>Civil Defence</td>
<td>5414538</td>
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<td>Medical City</td>
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<td>Emergency Hospital</td>
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<td>Alwiyah Maternity Hospital</td>
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<td>Saddam International Airport</td>
<td>8863999</td>
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Credentials

Official credentials duly signed by the competent authorities of governments, agencies or organizations should be handed to the Secretary of the Commission or to the Conference Officer at the time of registration.

Documents

During the session, documents will be available at the documents distribution desk in the Conference Building. Participants are, however, earnestly requested to bring with them the complete sets of documents sent to their governments or organizations since supplies will be limited.

Participants wishing to submit documents for circulation should present them to the Secretary of the Commission or the Conference Officer. A minimum of 100 copies is required to ensure distribution to all delegations. In accordance with United Nations regulations for the control and limitation of documentation, the secretariat cannot undertake to translate or reproduce documents or statements submitted by individual delegations unless the Commission takes a specific a decision to that effect and approves the financial implications thereof. Participants are advised to consult the Secretary of the Commission on any matter pertaining to the issuance or distribution of documents at the session.

Journal

A Journal is issued daily in Arabic and English. It contains:

(a) A programme of meetings;
(b) Agenda for individual meetings;
(c) Summaries of meetings;
(d) Announcements.

ESCWA Library

The Library is located on the ground floor of the Secretariat Building. Library services are available to ESCWA staff and to representatives of member States and international organizations.
The Library collections include: books, periodicals, newspapers, reports and microfilms; documents of the United Nations, the specialized agencies, Arab governments and regional organizations in the economic, social and technical fields; reference material on economics, sociology, transport, planning, statistics, natural resources, science and technology; and basic reference material.

The Library publishes: cumulative lists of ESCWA documents; a list of available periodicals; bibliographies; contents of recent periodicals received; and acquisition lists.

The Library is open from 7.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. Books and documents can be borrowed by ESCWA staff; all other users may consult the collection while in the Library. There is a limited photocopying service for outside users.
### Whom to contact on matters relating to the session

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<td>Mr. M.S. Nabulsi</td>
<td>Executive Secretary</td>
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<td>Mr. A. Al-Khishali</td>
<td>Deputy Executive Secretary</td>
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<td>Mr. R. Abu El Haj</td>
<td>Chief, Programme Planning and Co-ordination Unit</td>
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<td>Mr. I. Al-Wali</td>
<td>Secretary of the Commission</td>
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<td>Mrs. C. Dodson</td>
<td>Chief, Division of Administration</td>
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<td>Mr. F. Ebeid</td>
<td>Chief, Conference Services Section</td>
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<td>Mr. A. Mammo</td>
<td>Conference Affairs Officer</td>
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### The ESCWA substantive divisions and units

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<td>Development Planning Division</td>
<td>Mr. E.H. El-Safty</td>
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<td>Environmental Co-ordination Unit</td>
<td>Mr. R. Tabbarah</td>
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<td>Human Settlements Division</td>
<td>Mr. R. Tabbarah</td>
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<td>Joint ESCWA/FAO</td>
<td>Mr. M.M. Sherif</td>
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<td>Agriculture Division</td>
<td>Mr. K. Jabbar</td>
<td>314</td>
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<td>Mr. A. Radjai</td>
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<td>Mr. A. El-Attrach</td>
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<td>Mr. R. Tabbarah</td>
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<td>Social Development and Population Division</td>
<td>Mr. L. Abdunnur</td>
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<td>Mr. M. Mohsen</td>
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Airlines

There is a branch office of Iraqi Airways in the Conference Building. Opening hours are 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Other airline offices:

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All the above airlines have their main offices in Sa'adoun Street.
Annex II

EMBASSIES AND DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN BAGHDAD

A. ESCWA member countries

Bahrain

Mansour, Al-Mutanabbi Quarter 605/7, House No. 49/1/4
P.O. Box 27117
Telex: 33645
Tel: 5428945/5423644/5423656

Democratic Yemen

Wahdah Quarter 906/8, House No. 1/1/50
P.O. Box 27-35 (College of Technology)
Tel: 7196027-8

Egyptian Interests Section, Embassy of Turkey

Mansour, (next to the Ministry of Oil)
Mahallah 601, Zuqaq No. 11, House No. 53/53A
Telex: 213039
Tel: 5430572/3

Jordan

Al-Kindi Quarter 213/11
Telex: 2850
Tel: 5412892

Kuwait

Jadriyah 915/5/35 (next to Babylon Hotel)
P.O. Box 3072
Telex: 2108
Tel: 7763151-3

Lebanon

Iwadiyah, Askari St. (near Medical City)
House No. 51
Telex: 2263
Tel: 8879056/8877863/8877857
Oman
Harithiyah Quarter 213/36/15
P.O. Box 6180
Telex: 212480
Tel: 5418198/5413619

Palestine Liberation Organization
Masbah, Arasat al-Hindiyah 929/30/225
P.O. Box 3122
Tel: 7183146/7180209

Qatar
Harithiyah, Al-Kindi 213/46
P.O. Box 2445 (Alwiyah)
Telex: 212391
Tel: 5421865/5429055

Saudi Arabia
Mansour Quarter 609/1/48A/1/7
Telex: 213330
Tel: 5413775/5413755

United Arab Emirates
Mansour Quarter 609/13/50
P.O. Box 6192
Telex: 2285
Tel: 5415206

Yemen
Jadiriyah (near Al-Karmah Hotel)
P.O. Box 13037
Tel: 7196817/7191941
B. Other countries

Afghanistan  
Tel: 4226839/4229986

Algeria  
Tel: 5372181-3/5374714

Argentina  
Tel: 7768140/7763383

Australia  
Tel: 7193434/7193423

Austria  
Tel: 7199033-4

Bangladesh  
Tel: 7194267/7196590

Belgium  
Tel: 7198299/7198297

Brazil  
Tel: 5511365

Bulgaria  
Tel: 5520049

Canada  
Tel: 5421459/5421932/5421933

Central African Republic  
Tel: 5516520

Chad  
Tel: 36160/36169

China  
Tel: 5562741

Cuba  
Tel: 7195177/7195978/7195179

Czechoslovakia  
Tel: 5517136

Denmark  
Tel: 7193058-9

Djibouti  
Tel: 5413805

Federal Republic of Germany  
Tel: 7192037-9

Finland  
Tel: 7196154

France  
Tel: 7196061-4

German Democratic Republic  
Tel: 7190071-4

Greece  
Tel: 7769511

Guyana  
Tel: 5555770

Hungary  
Tel: 7763532/7763530/7765000

India  
Tel: 22014-18

Indonesia  
Tel: 7198680/7198677/7198679

Italy  
Tel: 7769105-6

Japan  
Tel: 7195156-7

Malaysia  
Tel: 719417/7194079/7192048

Malta  
Tel: 4228081

Mauritania  
Tel: 5518261

Mexico  
Tel: 5411427/5421930

Morocco  
Tel: 5521779

Netherlands  
Tel: 7767616-8

New Zealand  
Tel: 7768176-8

Nigeria  
Tel: 5421750/5419915

Norway  
Tel: 5410097

Pakistan  
Tel: 5511028

Philippines  
Tel: 71993228

Poland  
Tel: 7191817/7190297/7190296

Portugal  
Tel: 7764953/7764955/7769645

Romania  
Tel: 7198644/7198648

Senegal  
Tel: 5520806

Somalia  
Tel: 5510088

Spain  
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Sudan Tel: 5424889/5424890
Sweden Tel: 7195417/7195361
Switzerland Tel: 7193091-3
Thailand Tel: 5418798/5426515-6
Tunisia Tel: 5520324
Turkey Tel: 4220022/4220021
Uganda Tel: 5413594
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics Tel: 5414749/5414754
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Tel: 5370632/5372121
United States of America Tel: 7196139/7196138
Venezuela Tel: 5420965/5420894
Viet Nam Tel: 5511388/5513409
Yugoslavia Tel: 7767887

C. United Nations offices

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Jadiriyyah, Babil Quarter 923/15/1
P.O. Box 163
Telex: 212699
Tel: 7766435 (4 lines)

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Abu Nuwas Street 102/17/153
Telex: 212271
Tel: 8874321 (5 lines)

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
Masbah, Babil Quarter 929/5/6, 7
P.O. Box 10036 (Karradah)
Telex: 2271
Tel: 7197921