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General

The fifteenth 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 17 and 18 April 1989. The formal inaugural session will begin at 10 a.m. on 17 April under the auspices of His Excellency Mr. Taha Yassin Ramadhan, First Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq.

The ministerial meeting will be preceded by the sixth session of the Commission's Technical Committee, to be held from 13-15 May 1989.

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 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 Firnas 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 Firnas monument. Then, as above, take the next exit, just before the overpass. Turn right again 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-ESCWA BAGHDAD,

and the telex numbers 213303 or 213468A-B 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 "ESCWA 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

<u>Currency</u>	<u>Allowed on entry</u>	<u>Allowed on departure</u>
Iraqi	ID 25	ID 25
Foreign	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.	
Traveller's cheques	The same restrictions apply.	

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

Negotiations are under way with a group of first-class hotels in Baghdad to select an appropriate hotel to accommodate the participants and provide them with the best possible services, including transport to and from ESCWA headquarters and social functions. The rates at these hotels are broadly similar and are as follows:

Single room	ID 22.000
Double room	ID 27.000
Small suite	ID 62.000
Large suite	ID 90.000

A service charge of 10 per cent is added to all bills.

Two choices are available from the menu for lunch and dinner, at a cost of around ID 6.000 for each choice. Meals can also be ordered a la carte, the price of a main dish being between ID 8.000 and ID 10.000.

Hotels also provide transport to and from the airport and from the hotels to central points in the city.

First class hotels in Baghdad are:

Al-Rashid Hotel	Karradat Mariam Tel: 7766127
Al-Mansour Melia Hotel	Haifa Street Tel: 5370041/2
Al-Sadeer Novotel	Andalus Square Tel: 7188166
Babylon Hotel	Jadiriya Tel: 7761964
Ishtar Sheraton Hotel	Firdaws Square Tel: 8889500
Palestine Meridian Hotel	Firdaws Square Tel: 8875641

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), Al-Mudheef on Abu Nawas St. (Tel: 8879971) and many other restaurants.

Transport

As stated above, negotiations are under way with first-class hotels to provide transport to ESCWA headquarters during the period of the meeting.

Some taxi offices in Baghdad

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Sa'ad	6/2/82/609 Wahdah Quarter	7190982
Baghdad Car	42/2/2/929 Babil Quarter	7197721
Tourist	1/1/903/Karradah Quarter	7195662
Sindbad	119/1/38/903 Karradah Quarter	7192964
Rafidain	20/1 Walid St., Wahdah Quarter	7192854
Diana Car	53/9/929 Wahdah Quarter	7198433
Sumer	2/1/164 Alwiyah Quarter	7192143
Zuhair	22/6/5/929 Babil Quarter	7197985
Babylon	27/3/77/903 Karradah Quarter	7199194
Ghazi	66/906 Wahdah Quarter	7193554
Nineveh	Sa'adoun St. (Opposite the Agadir Hotel)	

Identification

All cars entering the 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. - 1.00 p.m.
Thursday : 7.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.

The bank undertakes all banking transactions, including foreign exchange. The main office of the Rafidain 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-ESCWA
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.

A physician and an attending nurse will be 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. - 1 p.m. Thursdays

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
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 Rashid Street, between
Shuhada Bridge and Ahrar Bridge. One of the most
interesting is the Souk Al Safafir (coppersmiths'
market). In addition, the Folklore Centre in Karradah
near Kahramanah Circle displays handicrafts from all parts
of the country.

Electric current

Local voltage is 220V AC at 50 Hz.

Important telephone numbers

Fire	115	
Ambulance		122
Police	104	
International telephone calls		105
Civil Defence		5414538
Medical City		4168611
Emergency Hospital		7195191
Alwiyah Maternity Hospital		7193003
Ibn al-Bittar Hospital		5375181
Al-Rahibat Hospital		7196081
Ibn al-Nafis Hospital		7195111
Red Crescent Hospital		5376141
Saddam International Airport		8863999

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 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, transportation, 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

		<u>Telephone</u>
Mr. T. Abdel Jaber	Executive Secretary	452
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Mr. S. Tarbah	Chief, Division of Administration	290
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The ESCWA substantive divisions and units

<u>Division or Unit</u>	<u>Chief/Acting Chief/OIC</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Social Development, Population and Human Settlements Division	Mr. R. Tabbarah	499
Joint ESCWA/FAO Agriculture Division	Mr. M. M. Sherif	341
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Airlines

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

Other airline offices:

<u>Airline</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Air France	8876624/8872751/8868341-4
Air India	8880641
Alitalia	8887095/8889741
Austrian Airlines	8872700
Belgian Airways (SABENA)	8882276/96631
British Airways	8883346
Bulgarian Airlines (BALKAN)	8888978
Czechoslovak Airways	8871662/8871972
Egypt Air	8871095
Finnish Airlines (Fin Air)	8874516/8875880
German Democratic Airlines (Interflug)	8889789/8889780
Gulf Air	8877566/8881146
Hungarian Airlines (MALEV)	8889233
Japan Airlines (JAL)	8875181/8875047
Jordanian Airlines (Alia)	8884955
K L M	8873911
Korean Airlines	8889500-9/8887137
Kuwaiti Airlines	8886337/8888018
Lufthansa	8885457/8889771
Middle East Airlines (MEA)	8873271/8871724/8882310
Pakistan International Airlines (PIA)	8887181
Polish Airlines (LOT)	8881314
Saudi Airlines	8881269/8883554
Scandinavian Airlines (SAS)	8888238
Soviet Airlines (Aeroflot)	8881250
Swiss Air	7190747/7190756
Turkish Airlines (THY)	8881383
Yugoslav Airlines (JAT)	8886168

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

Egypt

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

Jordan

Mansour, next to Mansour police station
Mahallah 609, Zuqaq No. 12
Telex: 2805
Tel: 5412892
P.O. Box 6314

Kuwait

Jadiriya 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

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

Jadiriya (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: 5376169
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: 4222014-18
Indonesia	Tel: 7198680/7198677/7198679
Italy	Tel: 7769105-6
Japan	Tel: 7195156-7
Malaysia	Tel: 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: 7193228
Poland	Tel: 7191817/7190297/7190296
Portugal	Tel: 7764953/7764955/7769645
Romania	Tel: 7198644/7198648
Senegal	Tel: 5520806
Somalia	Tel: 5510088
Spain	Tel: 7190167/7192340/7191425

Sri Lanka	Tel: 7193079/7193040
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)

Jadiriya, 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
P.O. Box 2048 (Alwiyah)
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

World Health Organization (WHO)

Al-Wahdah 902/10/6
Behind Haidari Hospital
P.O. Box 2048 (Alwiyah)
Telex: 214065
Tel: 7180875