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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION

IMPLEMENTATION OF 2004-2005 BIENNium
REGULAR BUDGET ACTIVITIES

Follow-up to implementation of the resolutions adopted by the
Commission at its twenty-second session

This part of sub-item 7 (a) covers 13 summarized reports that review the progress made in implementing the resolutions adopted by the Commission at its twenty-second session. The reports are the following:

- Consideration of the establishment within the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia of a United Nations Arabic Language Centre: resolution 239 (XXII);

- The establishment within the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia of a Committee on Women: resolution 240 (XXII);

- The impact of the lack of stability in the Arab region on economic and social development resolution 241 (XXII);

- The amendments made to the revised programme of work for the biennium 2002-2003: resolution 242 (XXII);

- Adoption of the Agreement on International Railways in the Arab Mashreq: resolution 243 (XXII);

- Cooperation between ESCWA member countries with respect to shared water resources and the Arab Network for the Integrated Management of Water Resources: resolution 244 (XXII);

- The ESCWA initiative for activating the role of science, technology and technological innovation in achieving the Millennium Development Goals: resolution 245 (XXII);

- The formulation of a regional plan of action for the information society: resolution 246 (XXII);

- The development of statistical work in the ESCWA region: resolution 247 (XXII);

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- The participation of ESCWA member countries in the International Comparison Programme: resolution 248 (XXII);

- Strengthening consultancy services and technical cooperation activities in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia: resolution 249 (XXII);

- Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005: resolution 251 (XXII);

- Rehabilitation and economic and social reconstruction in Palestine: resolution 252 (XXII).