ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR WESTERN ASIA

Twenty-third session
Damascus, 9-12 May 2005

Item 4 of the provisional agenda

ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Monday, 9 May 2005

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  Registration of participants.

Inaugural meeting

5 - 6 p.m.  Opening of the twenty-third session.
Item 1

6 - 6.30 p.m.  Closed meeting for heads of delegation.
Item 2  Election of officers.

First meeting

6.30 - 8 p.m.  Adoption of the agenda.
Item 3

Item 4  Proposed organization of work.

Item 5  Consideration of requests by States Members of the
United Nations and/or its specialized agencies that are not
members of the Economic and Social Commission for
Western Asia (ESCWA) to participate as observers in the
twenty-third session of the Commission.

Adoption of the memorandum of understanding on
cooperation in the field of maritime transport in the Arab
Mashreq.

Item 9

Note: Should the discussion of any agenda item take less time than has been allocated thereto, discussion shall proceed to the next
agenda item.

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Second meeting

Round table on priority issues in the Western Asia region: Peace and security and their impact on economic and social development.

Item 7

Report of the Executive Secretary on the activities of the Commission:

(a) Implementation of 2004-2005 biennium regular budget activities;
(b) The financial and budgetary position;
(c) The technical cooperation programme and regional advisory services;
(d) Recommendations of the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services on its audit of the regional commissions.

Item 8

General debate: summary of the issues of which the twenty-third session is seized.

Third meeting

Round table on priority issues in the Western Asia region: Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in ESCWA member countries.

Item 10


Item 11

Cooperation between ESCWA and the League of Arab States.

(6.30 - 7.30 p.m.)

Interactive presentation of the projects that ESCWA hopes to implement in member countries with a view to strengthening national development capacities and regional integration.*

Fourth meeting

Round table on priority issues in the Western Asia region: Social policies in ESCWA member countries.

Item 12

Date and venue of the twenty-fourth session of the Commission.

Item 13

Other business.

Interactive demonstration presented by the ESCWA regional advisers on regional advisory service activities.

* The demonstration will take place as a side-event to the general session meetings, in meeting room 2.
Wednesday, 11 May 2005 (continued)

(11.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.)
4 - 7 p.m.

Thursday, 12 May 2005

10.30 - 11.30 a.m.
11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Drafting committee.

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Closed meeting for heads of delegation.

Fifth meeting

Adoption of the report of the Commission on its twenty-third session.

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** The meeting of the drafting committee will be held in parallel with the meetings of the general session.