Item 1 - Opening of the Session

Item 2 - Election of Officers

Rule 12 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Commission provides that "the Commission shall, at the commencement of each session, elect from among the representatives of its members, a Chairman, two Vice-Chairmen, and a Rapporteur, who shall hold office until their successors are elected. They shall be eligible for re-election".

Item 3 - Adoption of the Agenda

- Provisional Agenda (E/ECW/29/Rev.1)
- Annotated Provisional Agenda (E/ECW/29/Rev.1/Add.1/Rev.1)

In accordance with Rule 5 of the Commission's provisional rules of procedure, the Executive Secretary has drawn up the provisional agenda in consultation with the Chairman. The representatives can either adopt the provisional agenda as presented in document (E/ECW/29/Rev.1) or suggest amendments in accordance with Rule 8 of the Commission's provisional rules of procedure.

Item 4 - Consideration of applications of member States of the UN, not members of the Commission, to participate in a consultative capacity in the Third Session of the Commission

The Commission will have before it, for its consideration, a Note on the communications received from member States of the United Nations, not members of...
the Commission requesting participation in a consultative capacity in the work of
the Commission at its present session, in accordance with paragraph 4 of its terms
of reference. (E/ECWA/34).

Item 5 - Report on the Activities of the Commission since 11 May 1975

The activities of the Commission undertaken since 11 May 1975, are reported
under the following sub-items:

(a) Progress made in the Implementation of the Work Programme

For the consideration of this sub-item, the Commission will have
before it the Progress Report on the Implementation of the Work
Programme (E/ECWA/30).

(b) Follow-up Action on the Resolutions of the Commission

Under this sub-item, the Commission will have for its consideration
a Report on the follow-up action taken with respect to the provisions
of some of the resolutions adopted by the Commission at its second
session, May 1975. (E/ECWA/32) and E/ECWA/32/Add.1.

(c) Other Activities

Under this sub-item a brief report is submitted covering activities
carried out which were not envisaged under the work programme, (E/ECWA/35),
and (E/ECWA/35/Add.1)

Item 6 - Issues Relating to the Seventh Special Session of the General Assembly and
to the Recommendations of the Commission at its Second Session and their
Impact on ECWA's Programme of Work and Priorities for 1976-1977 and Medium-Term

For the consideration of this item, the Commission will have before it the
following documents:

(a) Amendments to the Commission's Programme of Work and Priorities
for 1976-1977 (E/ECWA/31/Add.1)

This document introduces some revisions into the Commission's "Programme
of Work and Priorities for 1976-1977" and comprises two parts:
The first part presents the revised version of the Commission's
programme of work for 1976-1977 in the field of Population.
taking into consideration the recommendations of the Post-World Population Conference Consultations for the ECWA region, held in Doha, Qatar, and concluded in Beirut on 2 May 1975, and the relevant provisions of the General Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII).

The second part consists of an addendum to the Commission's programme of work and priorities for 1976-1977 in the field of International Trade and Development, pursuant to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII). The Annex to this part presents the specific activities and projects envisaged under the "Programme of Work and Priorities for 1976-1977" and the "Draft 1978-1981 Medium-Term Plan" of the Commission in relation to the relevant provisions of the General Assembly resolution 3362 (S-VII).

(b) "Draft Medium-Term Plan for 1978-1981" (Documents E/ECWA/31, E/ECWA/31/Corr.1 and E/ECWA/31/Rev.1)

These documents present the Medium-Term Plan of the Commission for the period 1978-1981. This Plan is, in general, a continuation of the 1976-1979 Medium-Term Plan of the Commission. Certain modifications with respect to objectives and strategy considered necessary have been introduced in order to accommodate the recent developments and changing requirements of the region, both at the national and regional levels. The specific resolutions adopted by the Commission at its second session with implications for its work programme, the findings of the field missions and consultations carried out since the preparation of the 1976-1979 Medium-Term Plan, and the provisions embodied in the resolution of the Special Seventh Session of the General Assembly (3362 (S-VII)) have all been taken into account in the preparation of this document.

Item 7 - Site of the headquarters of the Commission

At its first special session held in Beirut in September 1974, the Commission adopted Resolution 5 (S-I) on the site of the headquarters of the Commission. In operative paragraph 1 of this resolution, the Commission decided that "the 1976 regular session should be considered the final deadline for selecting the permanent
headquarters of the Commission provided that the subject remains until that time as an item of its agenda”.

In considering this item, the Commission will have before it documents (E/ECWA/33, E/ECWA/L.24, E/ECWA/C.24/Add.1 and E/ECWA/L.25) in which the developments which took place following the adoption of resolution 6 (S-I) by the Commission are presented.

**Item 8 - Place of the 1977 Session**

The Commission is invited under this item to decide upon the place of meeting for its next session which, in accordance with rules of the provisional rules of procedure, is to be held annually beginning on the third Monday of April.

**Item 9 - Any other business**

Under this item, the Commission is requested to consider any other matter not specifically covered under the preceding items on the agenda.

**Item 10 - Annual report of the Commission to the Economic and Social Council**

The Commission is expected to present each year to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) a report on its activities and programmes. The annual report of ECWA to the Council will consist of an account of the activities undertaken by the secretariat since 11 May 1975, together with the proceedings of the third session, the resolutions adopted at the session, the amendments to the Program of Work and Priorities for 1976-1977 and the Draft Medium-Term Plan for 1978-1981. The report will be submitted to the sixty-first session of ECOSOC.