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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION

This item covers the progress made in implementing all activities carried out by the Commission since its twenty-sixth session (Beirut, 17-20 May 2010). The item comprises five sub-items that will be considered by the Commission on the basis of the following documents:

(a) Programme performance report for the biennium 2010-2011 (E/ESCWA/27/5(Part I)): this report presents an overall evaluation of the performance of ESCWA programme of work and highlights achievements and lessons learned for each of the seven subprogrammes. It also includes an assessment of the performance of the executive direction and management component, including the work of the Office of the Executive Secretary, the Programme Planning and Technical Cooperation Division (PPTCD) and the Administrative Services Division (ASD), as well as that of the United Nations Information Services/Centre;

(b) Implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Commission at its twenty-sixth session (E/ESCWA/27/5(Part II)): this report presents a follow-up to the implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Commission at its twenty-sixth session concerning the different fields of action of ESCWA and various issues and themes of importance to member countries;

(c) Technical cooperation programme and regional advisory services (E/ESCWA/27/5(Part III)): this report contains a review of the technical cooperation activities undertaken by ESCWA during the biennium 2010-2011 within the framework of the three funding modalities, namely the Regular Programme of Technical Cooperation, the United Nations Development Account and extrabudgetary resources;

(d) Financial status of the Commission (E/ESCWA/27/5(Part IV)): this report reviews the various financial aspects of the programmes of the Commission, including the regular budget, extrabudgetary resources and the ESCWA Trust Fund for Regional Activities;

(e) Reports of the subsidiary bodies on their sessions (E/ESCWA/27/5(Part V)): the Commission will have before it the reports of the seven subsidiary bodies on their sessions which were held between the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh sessions of the Commission as well as the reports of the Technical Committee on its meetings held during the same period.

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