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**PROPOSED PROGRAMME CHANGES FOR THE BIENNIUM 2010-2011\***

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**SUMMARY**

The present document contains the proposed changes to the programme of work for the biennium 2010-2011, for which a legislative decision of the Commission is sought.

The changes are proposed for three main reasons: (a) to address new mandates adopted after the Commission endorsed the programme of work for 2010-2011; (b) to further consolidate the publications programme of ESCAP; and (c) to strengthen the programmatic approach in the capacity-building activities of ESCAP.

The Commission may note that the proposed changes will contribute to the achievement of the expected accomplishments and have no additional regular programme budget implications.

The Commission may wish to consider the proposed changes with a view to endorsing them for incorporation in the programme of work for 2010-2011.

\* Outputs mentioned in the present document are listed in the proposed programme budget submitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session (A/64/6 (Sect. 18)). The programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 was approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 64/244. For the approved programme of work, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/63/6/Rev.1).

## Proposed programme changes for the biennium 2010-2011

Output in the programme of work for the biennium 2010-2011	Proposed change	Justification
<b>Subprogramme 1: Macroeconomic policy and inclusive development</b>		
<b>Expected accomplishment (a)</b>		
Increased regional cooperation and sharing of experiences and practices in formulating and implementing macroeconomic policies to reduce poverty, and achievement of sustainable and inclusive economic and social development		
<b>Recurrent publications</b>		
<i>PB137573:</i> <i>Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific, including its launching (2) (2010, 2011)</i>	<i>Modified to:</i> <i>Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific, including its launching and year-end update (4) (2010, 2011)</i>	The proposed change aims to address the need for a year-end update for the <i>Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific</i> , the annual flagship publication of ESCAP
<i>PB137575:</i> <i>Key Economic Developments and Prospects in the Asia-Pacific Region (2) (2010, 2011) (RB)</i>	<i>Delete</i>	The resources will be shifted to the publication <i>Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific: Year-end Update</i>
<b>Subprogramme 3: Transport</b>		
<b>Expected accomplishment (a)</b>		
Enhanced knowledge and increased capacity of member States to develop and implement effective and sustainable transport policies and programmes, including those targeting the Millennium Development Goals		
<b>Substantive servicing of meetings</b>		
<i>PB138265:</i> Forum of Asian Ministers of Transport: plenary	<i>Modified to:</i> Ministerial Conference on Transport: plenary sessions (6) (2011)	The Bangkok Declaration on Transport Development in Asia, adopted by the Forum of Asian Ministers of Transport (first session, 14-18 December 2009), requested the Executive Secretary to convene a Ministerial Conference on Transport in 2011 to assess and evaluate the implementation of the declaration and the Regional Action Programme for Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific, phase I (2007-2011), and to consider a regional action programme for phase II (2012-2016). The Conference will be held in lieu of the second session of the Forum

<b>Parliamentary documentation</b>		
<i>PB138268:</i> Forum of Asian Ministers of Transport, first session: report on major issues related to transport	<i>Modified to:</i> Ministerial Conference on Transport: report on major issues related to transport (1) (2011)	ditto
<i>PB138269:</i> Forum of Asian Ministers of Transport, first session: report of Asian Ministers of Transport	<i>Modified to:</i> Ministerial Conference on Transport: report of the Ministerial Conference on Transport (1) (2011)	ditto
<b>Subprogramme 5: Information and communications technology and disaster risk reduction</b>		
<b>Expected accomplishment (c)</b> Improved capabilities of ESCAP member States in the field of multi-hazard assessment, preparedness, early warning and response to disaster risks		
<b>Non-recurrent publications</b>		
<i>PB138560:</i> Organizational needs assessment of networks of cooperative mechanisms in disaster management and risk reduction in Asia and the Pacific	<i>Modified to:</i> Asia-Pacific disaster report	The proposed publication will review gaps and challenges, project future trends and priorities and make policy recommendations for the implementation in Asia and the Pacific of the Hyogo Framework for Action (Commission resolution 64/2, E/ESCAP/65/9, para. 6, and E/ESCAP/65/32)
<b>Subprogramme 6: Social development</b>		
<b>Expected accomplishment (c)</b> Strengthened capacity and increased technical cooperation among ESCAP member States in developing and implementing social policies and financing aimed at building inclusive societies, reducing poverty and promoting gender equality		
<b>Field projects</b>		
<i>PB138582:</i> Capacity development in combating violence against women (1) (2010) (XB)	<i>Delete</i>	Subsuming this activity under output PB138573 ("capacity-development training series for national women machineries") will ensure greater impact and outreach and contribute to the strengthening of the capacity of national machineries