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25. *Stresses* that the contribution of non-resident agencies in country programming processes, in response to the priorities of national Governments, should be appropriately facilitated, as necessary, by working through the resident

40. *Recalls* the request of the General Assembly, in paragraph 23 of its resolution 59/250 of 22 December 2004, that the Economic and Social Council undertake triennially a comprehensive review of trends and perspectives in funding for development cooperation and requests the Secretary-General to integrate all the elements of that review in his biennial report to the Development Cooperation Forum, as of 2012;

41. *Emphasizes* that increasing financial contributions to the United Nations development system is key to achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, and in this regard recognizes the mutually reinforcing links among increased effectiveness, efficiency and

47. *Requests* the United Nations funds and programmes and the specialized agencies that practise cash transfer to accelerate the roll-out of the harmonized approach to cash transfers;

48. *Urges* the United Nations funds and programmes and encourages the specialized agencies to ensure that adequate information is included in the existing reporting on simplification and harmonization to their respective executive boards and governing bodies so as to enable intergovernmental bodies to make informed decisions on policy changes in a timely manner, and requests the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to ensure that information on the Plan of Action for the Harmonization of Business Practices, as well as periodically updated information on

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assistance of the United Nations

countries with the affected State, with a view to planning and delivering emergency humanitarian assistance in ways that are supportive of early recovery as well as sustainable rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts;

7. *Also encourages* efforts to provide education in emergencies, including in order to contribute to a smooth transition from relief to development;

8. *Requests* the Emergency Relief Coordinator to continue his efforts to strengthen the coordination of humanitarian assistance, and encourages relevant United Nations and other relevant intergovernmental organizations, as well as other humanitarian and relevant development actors, to continue to work with the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat to enhance the coordination, effectiveness and efficiency of humanitarian assistance;

9. *Encourages* United Nations humanitarian organizations, while strengthening the coordination of humanitarian assistance in the field, to continue to work in close coordination with national Governments, taking into account the primary role of the affected State in the initiation, organization, coordination and implementation of such assistance within its territory;

10. *Welcomes* the continued efforts to strengthen the humanitarian response capacity to provide a timely, predictable, coordinated and accountable response to humanitarian needs, and requests the Secretary-General to continue efforts in this regard, in consultation with Member States, including by strengthening support to United Nations resident/humanitarian coordinators and improving their identification, selection and training and by improving coordination mechanisms for the provision of humanitarian assistance at the field level;

11. *Urges* all actors engaged in the provision of humanitarian assistance to fully commit to and duly respect the guiding principles contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 46/182, including the humanitarian principles of humanity, impartiality and neutrality as well as the principle of independence, as adopted by the Assembly in its resolution 58/114 of 17 December 2003;

12. *Calls upon* all States and parties in complex humanitarian emergencies, in particular in armed conflict and post-conflict situations, in countries in which humanitarian personnel are operating, in conformity with the relevant provisions of international law and national laws, to cooperate fully with the United Nations and other humanitarian agencies and organizations and to ensure the safe and unhindered access of humanitarian personnel and delivery of supplies and equipment, in order to allow humanitarian personnel to perform efficiently their task of assisting affected civilian populations, including refugees and internally displaced persons;

13. *Calls upon* all parties to armed conflict to comply with their obligations under international humanitarian law, human rights law and refugee law;

14. *Calls upon*

support from donors and other partners, including the United Nations system and the Bretton Woods institutions, in connection with the implementation of that strategy;

5. *Notes* the progress made by the Government of Haiti in terms of gender equality and also notes the importance of gender equality as a necessary dimension of any strategy for development;

6. *Expresses its deep concern* over the especially adverse effects of the 2008 hurricanes on Haiti and encourages the international community to continue providing support for the short- and long-term needs for the recovery of Haiti;

7. *Welcomes* the nomination of a United Nations Special Envoy for Haiti, as well as the third conference on Haiti's economic and social development, held in Washington, D.C. on 14 April 2009 under the auspices of the Inter-American Development Bank, and looks forward to the timely and effective implementation of pledges made at that conference;

8. *Recognizes* the need for effective and continued coordination between the Government of Haiti and donors, as well as a standing consultation mechanism with the main non-governmental organizations active in Haiti;

9. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti until the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council in July 2010, with the purpose of following closely and providing advice on Haiti's long-term development strategy to promote socio-economic recovery and stability, with particular attention to the need to ensure coherence and sustainability in international support for Haiti, based on the long-term national development priorities, building upon the interim cooperation framework and the growth and poverty reduction strategy paper, and stressing the need to avoid overlap and duplication with respect to existing mechanisms;

10. *Expresses its satisfaction* to the Secretary-General for the support provided to the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti and requests him to continue to support the activities of the Group adequately and within existing resources;

11. *Requests* the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti, in accomplishing its mandate, to continue to cooperate with the Secretary-General and his Special Representative and Head of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Special Envoy for Haiti, the United Nations Development Group, relevant United Nations funds and programmes, the specialized agencies, the Bretton Woods institutions, regional organizations and institutions, including the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, the Organization of American States and the Caribbean Community, the Inter-American Development Bank and other major stakeholders;

12. *Also requests* the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti to submit a report on its work, with recommendations, as appropriate, to the Economic and Social Council for its consideration at its substantive session of 2010.

*34th plenary meeting
23 July 2009*

2009/5
Recovering from the crisis: a Global Jobs Pact

The Economic and Social Council,

Having regard to the depth and breadth of the economic and financial crisis affecting all countries and the ensuing employment losses and human hardship,

Recalling the outcomes of the 1995 World Summit for Social Development,¹³ the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly¹⁴ and the 2005 World Summit,¹⁵

Recalling also the ministerial declaration adopted by the Economic and Social

Recognizing that HIV/AIDS constitutes a global emergency and poses one of the most formidable challenges to the development, progress and stability of individual societies and the world at large and requires an exceptional and comprehensive global response, while acknowledging the timeliness of the need to maximize synergies between the AIDS response and the broader health and development agendas,

Expressing serious concern about the continued global spread of HIV/AIDS, which exacerbates poverty and gender inequalities, and poses a major public-health challenge and a threat to economic and social development and to food security in heavily affected regions,

Expressing serious concern also about the lack of progress, twenty-eight years into the HIV/AIDS pandemic, in developing effective prevention technologies, including an HIV vaccine, and recognizing that ensuring sustained financial and political support for research and development over the long term will be a critical factor in finding effective prevention technologies,

Acknowledging the adverse impact of the global economic and financial crisis on funding for the AIDS response and the need to mitigate its impact on the gap that already exists between available resources and the human, technical and financial resources necessary to combat HIV/AIDS,

Recognizing the contribution of new, voluntary and innovative financing approaches and initiatives, such as UNITAID, as well as the need to support and strengthen existing financial mechanisms, including the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and relevant United Nations organizations, through the provision of funds in a sustained manner to address the funding gap so as to ensure an effective and successful response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic,

Reaffirming the importance of global coordination efforts to scale up sustainable, intensified and comprehensive HIV/AIDS responses, in a comprehensive and inclusive partnership, as called for in the Political Declaration, with people living with HIV, vulnerable groups, most affected communities, civil society and the private sector, within the framework of the “Three Ones” principles,

1. *Urges* the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and other relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to intensify their support to Governments, with a view to achieving the goals contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration²³ and the goals and targets contained in the 2001 Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS,²⁰ the 2005 World Summit Outcome²¹ and the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS;²²

2. *Commends* the support provided by the Joint Programme to the process of achieving universal access to prevention, treatment, care and support by 2010, in particular the assistance to countries in setting their national targets for universal access;

3. *Welcomes* the submission by Member States of a total of one hundred and forty-seven country progress reports in 2008, as part of the reporting process set out in the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS, which provided the most comprehensive overview to date of the response at the country level, and encourages all Member States to provide full support for the next round of reports, due on 31 March 2010;

4. *Acknowledges* the insidious and persistent drivers of the epidemic, in particular stigma, discrimination, gender inequality, socio-economic inequality and lack of respect for human rights, also acknowledges that in some cases food insecurity and displacements, for example, can lead to increased vulnerability, and encourages intensified analysis and advocacy by the Joint Programme to ensure that underlying obstacles to universal access are understood and appropriately addressed at all levels and in all settings, including through services to underserved and vulnerable populations;

5. *Emphasizes* the importance of comprehensive, evidence-informed HIV prevention programmes as an essential element of national, regional and international responses, through which actions and policies are tailored to the local profile of the epidemic, and commits to further intensifying efforts in this regard;

6. *Welcomes* the UNAIDS outcome framework, 2009-2011, for moving towards the goal of universal access, including the recognition by the Joint Programme of the need to improve the effectiveness of efforts to prevent the sexual transmission of HIV, the elimination of vertical transmission from mother to child

10. *Recalls* the Global Strategy and Plan of Action on Public Health, Innovation and Intellectual Property, adopted by the World Health Assembly,²⁸ and urges States, the relevant international organizations and other relevant stakeholders to actively support its wide implementation;

11. *Urges* Governments to prioritize and expand access to the prevention and treatment of HIV-related opportunistic infections, to promote access to and the effective use of safe and effective antiretroviral drugs of assured quality, at affordable prices, and to support both biomedical and socio-economic research on new products to prevent HIV infection, including those controlled by women, diagnostics, medicines and other treatment commodities and technologies related to HIV;

12. *Urges*

2009/7
**Assessment of the progress made in the implementation of
and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the
Information Society**

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the outcome documents of the World Summit on the Information Society,³¹

Recognizing the efforts by all stakeholders to implement the outcomes of the two phases of the World Summit, while recognizing also the efforts of the United

the International Trade Centre of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the World Trade Organization, the International Telecommunication Union, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the Universal Postal Union, the World Health Organization, the World Intellectual Property Organization and the World Meteorological Organization, which were used as inputs to the report of the Secretary-General,

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8. *Takes note* of the respective reports of many United Nations entities, with their own executive summaries, submitted as inputs for the preparation of the annual report of the Secretary-General to the Commission on Science and Technology for

which were reflected by the Secretary-General in his report, expresses appreciation for the work done by the Chair, the secretariat and the host Governments of the Forum, and looks forward to the convening of the fourth meeting of the Forum, in Egypt in November 2009;

16. *Encourages* all stakeholders to contribute to the online consultations regarding the “desirability of the continuation” of the Internet Governance Forum, as envisaged in paragraph 76 of the Tunis Agenda, taking into consideration the stakeholders in developing areas that have been unable to get connected online, and urges the Secretary-General to take all appropriate measures to have broad-based consultations;

17. *Notes* that paragraph 80 of the Tunis Agenda refers to development of multi-stakeholder processes at the national, regional and international levels;

18. *Recognizes* the contribution of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly 2008 towards enhanced cooperation;

19. *Notes* the conclusion of the Secretary-General on the basis of performance reports from ten organizations relevant to Internet governance that, while the efforts made varied in nature among the organizations, the performance reports suggest that the call in the Tunis Agenda for enhanced cooperation has been taken seriously by these organizations, and requests the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council through the Commission on the progress made towards enhanced cooperation;

20. *Notes* that topics that were not central at the first and second phases of the World Summit in 2003 and 2005 continue to emerge, such as the potential of information and communications technologies to combat climate change, the protection of online privacy and the empowerment and protection, particularly against cyberexploitation and abuse, of vulnerable groups of society, in particular children and young people;

21. *Notes* that a rising level of Internet penetration alone does not necessarily peofundmeasum195.es

The road ahead

25. *Encourages* all stakeholders to continue their efforts to implement the World Summit vision of a people-centred, inclusive and development-oriented information society so as to enhance digital opportunities for all people in order to help to bridge the digital divide;

26. *Calls upon* all stakeholders to assist developing countries in their efforts towards narrowing the digital divide, particularly with regard to access, affordability, speed in broadband, local content and data privacy;

27. *Encourages* all stakeholders to continue to cooperate on and to develop information and communications technology partnerships towards capacity-building, transfer of technology and knowledge, and research and development;

28. *Recognizes* the work of the Partnership on Measuring Information and Communication Technology for Development, its institutional strengthening and the creation of the working group to measure the economic and social impact of information and communications technologies, recalls Economic and Social Council resolution 2008/3, in which the Council acknowledged the work of the Partnership

45. *Encourages* collaboration of the World Summit action line facilitators and moderators concerning action lines C3, access to information and knowledge, C7, e-science, and C7, e-health, with the Commission in the context of its traditional mandate;

46. *Requests*

Welcoming the work of the Commission on its two substantive themes “Development-oriented policies for a socio-economic inclusive information society, including policies relating to access, infrastructure and an enabling environment”, and “Science, technology and engineering for innovation and capacity-building in education and research”,

Recognizing the critical role of innovation in maintaining national competitiveness in the global economy,

Noting the outcomes of the intersessional panel meeting of the Commission, held in Santiago from 12 to 14 November 2008 and the report prepared by the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,³⁸

Taking note of the reports of the Secretary-General to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development,

Welcoming the revised terms of reference of the United Nations Group on the Information Society to expand its mandate to include science and technology pursuant to General Assembly resolution 62/208 of 19 December 2007 and the decision adopted by the High-level Committee on Programmes at its seventeenth session,³⁹ on 26 and 27 February 2009,

Extending its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his role in helping to complete the aforementioned reports in a timely manner,

Noting that although there is wide consensus that technological innovation is a driver and critical source of sustainable economic growth in the new millennium, many developing countries have yet to benefit from the promises of science, technology and innovation,

Stressing the role of education for all as a precondition for the development of science, technology and innovation,

Reaffirming that the training and retention of scientific, technological and engineering talent, mechanisms for the funding of research, the commercialization of scientific knowledge, the building of strategic partnerships for the transfer of technology, innovative financing strategies and an innovation-friendly culture can play critical roles in harnessing scientific and technological knowledge for development,

Recognizing the role science, technology and engineering can play in developing solutions for the problems facing the world today, including climate change and the food and energy crises, and that most of the knowledge that countries need in order to address their most urgent social and economic problems already exist,

Extending its appreciation to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development for the particular attention given to the needs of African countries in-6(most of th)k3e prTular t

(iv) Establish international needs-based partnerships, where countries and their private sectors can collaborate on research and development, including the commercialization of research results, to address similar development challenges, especially those related to the areas of health, agriculture, conservation, sustainable use of natural resources and environmental management, energy, forestry and the impact of climate change;

(v) Develop a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship, support the development of technological capabilities in small and medium-sized enterprises and promote incubators for promising technologies;

(vi) Launch campaigns to raise awareness of the importance of innovation for wealth creation and national welfare through mass media and high-profile awards;

(vii) Reaffirm the essential role that official development assistance plays as a complement to other sources of financing for development and fulfil the internationally agreed commitments regarding official development assistance in order to contribute to the efforts of the developing countries in building their indigenous capabilities in science and technology;

(viii) Make considered decisions to balance short-term and long-term science, technology and innovation goals and policies, evaluating the advantages and disadvantages of procuring or licensing technologies, as compared with producing them indigenously;

(ix) Focus national efforts, when facing a generally low level of science, technology and innovation capacity, on building and strengthening indigenous scientific, technical, vocational and engineering capacities to select and use existing knowledge resources, in order to create jobs, generate wealth and achieve the Millennium Development Goals;

(b) The Commission on Science and Technology for Development is encouraged to:

(i) Play the role of torch-bearer for innovation and innovation-oriented planning and support efforts by national Governments to integrate science, technology and innovation into national development strategies by providing a forum for developing countries, the international community, the science, technology and innovation policy research community and other interested parties to:

a. Share and analyse available empirical evidence on technological earning and science, technology and innovation policy impacts;

b. Identify critical gaps in “innovation system” understanding that the policy research community might usefully address;

c. Provide a forum to share best practices and information on new technologies, financing mechanisms and regulatory measures for providing

(ii) Explore the possibility of organizing an Internet-based science, technology and innovation collaborative network, in conjunction with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the regional

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November 2008, and the emphasis placed on transport projects in the Joint Declaration of the Paris Summit for the Mediterranean of July 2008,

Referring also to the meeting held in Luxembourg on 8 June 2008 between the Ministers of Transport of Morocco and Spain and the Vice-President of the European Commission and Commissioner for Transport with regard to the official presentation to the European institutions of the project for a fixed link,

Taking note of the follow-up report prepared jointly by the Economic Commission for Europe and the Economic Commission for Africa in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 2007/16,⁴⁵

Noting the conclusions of the studies carried out by the Western Mediterranean Transport Group on Europe-Maghreb transport and cooperation agreements and on transport conditions for nationals of Maghreb origin when they travel to the Western Mediterranean in the summer, and the action plan for the period 2009-2011, adopted at the sixth meeting, held in Rome on 20 May 2009,

Noting also the conclusions of the studies carried out by the European Commission (INFRAMED, MEDA TEN-T, REG-MED and DESTIN) for the development of an integrated transport network in the Mediterranean basin,

Taking note of the Regional Transport Action Plan adopted by the Euro-Mediterranean Transport Forum, held in Brussels on 29 and 30 May 2007, which constitutes a road map for intensifying cooperation in the Mediterranean with regard to infrastructure planning and reform of transport service regulations, as well as the list of priority projects annexed thereto, including the fixed link through the Strait of Gibraltar,

1. *Welcomes* the cooperation on the project for the link through the Strait of Gibraltar between the Economic Commission for Africa, the Economic Commission for Europe, the Governments of Morocco and Spain and specialized international organizations;

2. *Also welcomes* the progress made in the project studies as a result, in particular, of deep-sea drilling, which has given a decisive impetus to geological and geotechnical exploration and to the technical, economic and traffic update studies currently being finalized;

3. *Further welcomes* the organization by the International Tunnelling Association, under the auspices of the Economic Commission for Europe and the Economic Commission for Africa, of the seminar held in Madrid in January 2005 on "Soundings and treatments: new developments relating to geological formations";

4. *Commends* the Economic Commission for Europe and the Economic Commission for Africa for the work done in preparing the project follow-up report requested by the Council in its resolution 2007/16;⁴⁵

5. *Renews* its invitation to the competent organizations of the United Nations system and to specialized governmental and non-governmental organizations to participate in the studies and work on the fixed link through the Strait of Gibraltar;

⁴⁵ See E/2009/63.

6. *Requests* the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe to continue to take an active part in the follow-up to the project and to report to the Council at its substantive session of 2011 on the progress made on the project studies;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide formal support and, to the extent that priorities permit, the resources necessary, from within the regular budget, to the Economic Commission for Europe and the Economic Commission for Africa, to enable them to carry out the activities mentioned above.

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Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming its agreed conclusions 1997/2 on mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system,⁴⁶ and recalling its resolutions 2001/41 of 26 July 2001, 2002/23 of 24 July 2002, 2003/49 of 24 July 2003, 2004/4 of 7 July 2004, 2005/31 of 26 July 2005, 2006/36 of 27 July 2006, 2007/33 of 27 July 2007 and 2008/34 of 25 July 2008,

Reaffirming also the commitment made at the 2005 World Summit to actively promote the mainstreaming of a gender perspective in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies and programmes in all political, economic and social spheres and to further undertake to strengthen the capabilities of the United Nations system in the area of gender,⁴⁷

Reaffirming further that gender mainstreaming is a globally accepted strategy for achieving gender equality and constitutes a critical strategy in the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action⁴⁸ and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly,⁴⁹

Bearing in mind the fifteenth anniversary of the adoption of the Beijing Declaration⁵⁰ and Platform for Action,

Taking into consideration the theme for the 2010 annual ministerial review of the Economic and Social Council, “Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to gender equality and empowerment of women”,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General⁵¹ and the recommendations contained therein⁵² and calls for further and continued efforts

⁴⁶ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/52/3/Rev.1)*, chap. IV, para. 4.

⁴⁷ See General Assembly resolution 60/1, para. 59.

⁴⁸ *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

⁴⁹ General Assembly resolution S-23/2, annex, and resolution S-23/3, annex.

⁵⁰ *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

⁵¹ E/2009/71.

⁵² *Ibid.*, sect. V.

machineries, academic institutes, regional intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and the private sector,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;⁵⁷

2. *Requests* the Institute, within its mandate, to continue to assist countries in promoting and supporting the political participation and economic and social advancement of women through training programmes;

3. *Stresses* the critical importance of voluntary financial contributions by Member States to the United Nations Trust Fund for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women to enable it to carry out its mandate, and invites Member States to make voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund;

4. *Calls for* the diversification of funding resources, and in this regard invites Member States to continue to provide assistance and support to the Institute

Recalling also its resolution 2008/11 of 23 July 2008 and other relevant United Nations resolutions, including General Assembly resolution 57/337 of 3 July 2003, on the prevention of armed conflict, and Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) of 31 October 2000, on women and peace and security,

Reaffirming the important role of women in the prevention and resolution of conflicts and in peacebuilding, and stressing the importance of their equal participation and involvement in all efforts for the maintenance and promotion of peace and security and the need to increase their role in decision-making with regard to conflict prevention and resolution,

Recalling the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women⁶² as it concerns the protection of civilian populations,

Recalling also the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,⁶³ the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights⁶³ and the Convention on the Rights of the Child,⁶⁴ and reaffirming that these human rights instruments must be respected in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem,

Expressing grave concern over the increased difficulties being faced by Palestinian women and girls living under Israeli occupation, including the sharp increase in poverty, soaring unemployment, increased food insecurity, incidents of domestic violence and declining health, education and living standards, including the rising incidence of trauma and decline in their psychological well-being, and expressing grave concern about the deepening humanitarian crisis and rising insecurity and instability on the ground in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, in particular in the Gaza Strip,

Deploring the deteriorating economic and social conditions of Palestinian women and girls in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the systematic violation of their human rights resulting from the severe impact of ongoing illegal Israeli practices, including the continued imposition of closures and restrictions on the movement of persons and goods, which have detrimentally affected their right to health care, including access by pregnant women to health services for antenatal care and safe delivery, education, employment, development and freedom of movement,

Deploring also the intensified Israeli military operations in the Gaza Strip, which have caused heavy casualties among civilians, including many children and women, and widespread damage to homes, United Nations schools and facilities, hospitals and public infrastructure, gravely impacting the provision of vital health and social services to Palestinian women and their families, and emphasizing that the civilian population must be protected,

Stressing the importance of providing assistance, especially emergency assistance, to alleviate the dire socio-economic and humanitarian situation being faced by Palestinian women and their families,

⁶² See General Assembly resolution 48/104.

⁶³ General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

⁶⁴ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1577, No. 27531.

Emphasizing the importance of increasing the role of women in decision-making with regard to conflict prevention and the peaceful resolution of conflicts as part of efforts to ensure the safety and well-being of all women in the region,

Affirming the importance of exploring means to address the situation of and assistance to Palestinian women in the resolutions of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly under the relevant agenda items,

1. *Urges* the international community to continue to give special attention to the promotion and protection of the human rights of Palestinian women and girls and to intensify its measures to improve the difficult conditions being faced by Palestinian women and their families living under Israeli occupation;

2. *Reaffirms* and to int sgcand2man6-[(arn0.0186bve00172p.9n stini)aTT1 1 Tf-0.0009i-tan .3887

General Assembly and the fulfilment of the obligations under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women⁷⁰ are mutually reinforcing in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women,

Reaffirming that gender mainstreaming constitutes a critical strategy in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, and underlining the catalytic role of the Commission in promoting gender mainstreaming,

Recognizing the importance of non-governmental organizations in advancing the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and, in this respect, the work of the Commission,

Noting with appreciation

fifty-third session on “The equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including caregiving in the context of HIV/AIDS”;

(e) In 2014, at its fifty-eighth session, the priority theme will be “Challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls” and progress will be evaluated in the implementation of the agreed conclusions from the fifty-fifth session on “Access and participation of women and girls to education, training, science and technology, including for the promotion of women’s equal access to full employment and decent work”;

3. *Also decides* that, at its fifty-seventh session, in 2013, the Commission will discuss the possibility of conducting in 2015, a review and appraisal of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, and decide on priority themes for future sessions.

63/213, as well as supporting documentation, and to submit its independent views and perspectives on United Nations support for small island developing States to the Economic and Social Council, prior to the 2010 substantive session of the Council, and in this regard, the Se

global financial crisis, climate change and gender equality challenges, as well as for the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals,

Recognizing with appreciation the substantive contributions made by the current members of the Committee in strengthening public administration capacity at the regional, national and local levels,

1. *Takes note* of the conclusions in the report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its eighth session,⁸⁰ on the need for continual capacity-

Classification and Labelling of Chemicals with respect to matters relating to the transport of dangerous goods, including their security in transport;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General:

(a) To circulate the new and amended recommendations on the transport of dangerous goods⁸⁴ to the Governments of Member States, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and other international organizations concerned;

(b) To publish the sixteenth revised edition of the *Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods: Model Regulations*⁸⁵ and the fifth revised edition of the *Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods: Manual of Tests and Criteria*⁸⁶ in all the official languages of the United Nations, in the most cost-effective manner, no later than the end of 2009;

(c) To make those publications available on the website of the Economic Commission for Europe,⁸⁷ which provides secretariat services to the Committee, and to make them available also on CD-ROM;

3. *Invites* all Governments, the regional commissions, the specialized agencies, the International Atomic Energy Agency and the other international organizations concerned to transmit to the secretariat of the Committee their views on the Committee's work, together with any comments that they may wish to make on the recommendations on the transport of dangerous goods;

4. *Invites* all interested Governments, the regional commissions, the specialized agencies and the international organizations concerned to take into account the recommendations of the Committee when developing or updating appropriate codes and regulations;

5. *Requests* the Committee to study, in consultation with the International Maritime Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization, the regional commissions and the intergovernmental organizations concerned, the possibilities of improving the implementation of the Model Regulations on the transport of dangerous goods in all countries for the purposes of ensuring a high level of safety and eliminating technical barriers to international trade, including through the further harmonization of international agreements or conventions governing the international transport of dangerous goods;

6. *Invites* all Governments, as well as the regional commissions and organizations concerned, the International Maritime Organization and the International Civil Aviation Organization to provide feedback to the Committee regarding differences between the provisions of national, regional or international legal instruments and those of the Model Regulations, in order to enable the Committee to develop cooperative guidelines for enhancing consistency between these requirements and reducing unnecessary impediments, to identify existing substantive and modal international, regional and national differences, with the aim of reducing those differences to the greatest extent practical and ensuring that where differences are necessary they do not pose impediments to the safe and efficient

⁸⁴ ST/SG/AC.10/36/Add.1 and Add.2.

⁸⁵ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.09.VIII.2.

⁸⁶ Forthcoming.

⁸⁷ www.unece.org/trans/danger/danger.htm.

transport of dangerous goods, and to undertake an editorial review of the Model Regulations and various modal instruments with the aim of improving clarity, user friendliness and ease of translation;

B. Work of the Committee regarding the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

Bearing in mind that in paragraph 23 (c) of the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (“Johannesburg Plan of Implementation”),⁸⁸ countries were encouraged to implement the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals as soon as possible with a view to having the system fully operational by 2008,

Bearing in mind also that the General Assembly, in its resolution 57/253 of 20 December 2002, endorsed the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation and requested the Economic and Social Council to implement the provisions of the Plan relevant to its mandate and, in particular, to promote the implementation of Agenda 21 by strengthening system-wide coordination,

Noting with satisfaction:

(a) That the Economic Commission for Europe and all United Nations programmes and specialized agencies concerned with chemical safety in the field of transport or of the environment, in particular the United Nations Environment Programme, the International Maritime Organization and the International Civil Aviation Organization, have already taken appropriate steps to amend their legal instruments in order to give effect to the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals before the target date of the end of 2008 or are considering amending them as soon as possible;

(b) That the International Labour Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Health Organization are also taking appropriate steps to adapt their existing chemical safety recommendations, codes and guidelines to the Globally Harmonized System, in particular in the areas of occupational health and safety, pesticide management and the prevention and treatment of poisoning;

(c) That the Globally Harmonized System has already been in force in New Zealand since 2001 and in Mauritius since 2004;⁸⁹

(d) That a new regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council implementing the Globally Harmonized System in the member States of the

⁸⁸ *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 2, annex.

⁸⁹ Information on implementation of the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals by country and through international legal instruments, recommendations, codes and guidelines is available on the website of the Economic Commission for Europe at www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/ghs/implementation_e.html.

European Union and the European Economic Area entered into force on 20 January 2009;⁹⁰

(e) That other Member States participating in the activities of the Subcommittee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals are actively preparing revisions of national legislation applicable to chemicals for implementation of the Globally Harmonized System;

(f) That a number of United Nations programmes and specialized agencies and regional organizations, in particular the United Nations Institut(a)2 543.42E

- (a) To circulate the amendments⁹³ to the second revised edition of the

Noting the relatively poor level of participation of experts from developing countries and countries with economies in transition in the work of the Committee and the need to promote their wider participation in its work,

1. *Decides* to approve the programme of work of the Committee;
2. *Stresses* the importance of the participation of experts from developing countries and from countries with economies in transition in the work of the Committee, calls, in that regard, for voluntary contributions to facilitate their participation, including through support for travel and daily subsistence, and invites Member States and international organizations in a position to do so to contribute;
3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Economic and Social Council in 2011 on the implementation of the present resolution, the recommendations on the transport of dangerous goods and the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals.

*42nd plenary meeting
29 July 2009*

2009/20 Social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the outcomes of the World Summit for Social Development, held in Copenhagen from 6 to 12 March 1995,⁹⁵ and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, entitled "World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world", held in Geneva from 26 June to 1 July 2000,⁹⁶

Reaffirming the United Nations Millennium Declaration of 8 September 2000,⁹⁷ the United Nations Declaration on the New Partnership for Africa's Development of 16 September 2002,⁹⁸ General Assembly resolution 57/7 of 4 November 2002 on the final review and appraisal of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development,⁹⁹

Noting the conclusions of the African Union Extraordinary Summit on Employment and Poverty Alleviation in Africa, held in Ouagadougou on 8 and 9 September 2004,

Recognizing the commitments made in meeting the special needs of Africa at the 2005 World Summit,¹⁰⁰ and contained in the political declaration adopted on

⁹⁵ *Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.8), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

⁹⁶ General Assembly resolution S-24/2, annex.

⁹⁷ See General Assembly resolution 55/2.

⁹⁸ See General Assembly resolution 57/2.

⁹⁹ A/57/304, annex.

¹⁰⁰ See General Assembly resolution 60/1.

22 September 2008 at the high-level meeting held at United Nations Headquarters to address Africa's development needs,¹⁰¹

Remaining concerned that Africa is the only continent currently not on track to achieve any of the goals set out in the Millennium Declaration by 2015, and in this regard emphasizing that concerted efforts and continued support are required to fulfil the commitments to address the special needs of Africa,

Expressing deep concern that attainment of the social development objectives may be hindered by the financial crisis, as well as challenges brought about by the ongoing food and energy crisis,

Recognizing that capacity-building, knowledge-sharing and best practices are essential for the successful implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development, and recognizing also the need for continued support from the international community,

Bearing in mind that African countries have primary responsibility for their own economic and social development, that the role of national policies and development strategies cannot be overemphasized and that their development efforts need to be supported by an enabling international economic environment, and in this regard recalling the support given by the International Conference on Financing for Development¹⁰² to the New Partnership,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;¹⁰³
2. *Welcomes* the progress made by the African countries in fulfilling their commitments in the implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development⁹⁹ to deepen democracy, human rights, good governance and sound economic management, and enabling the African continent to achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

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5. *Welcomes* the efforts made by African countries and regional and subregional organizations, including the African Union, to mainstream a gender perspective and the empowerment of women in the implementation of the New Partnership, including the implementation of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that the African Union and the regional economic communities have a critical role to play in the implementation of the New Partnership, and in this regard encourages African countries, with the assistance of their development partners, to increase and coordinate effectively their support for enhancing the capacities of these institutions and to promote regional cooperation and social and economic integration in Africa;

7. *Also emphasizes* that progress in the implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development depends also on a favourable national and international environment for Africa's growth and development, including measures to promote a policy environment conducive to private sector development and entrepreneurship;

8. *Further emphasizes* that democracy, respect for aci6 Ts(Further emc(for)52(Afri)-7 63.54 Tm,x

on the Millennium Development Goals related to health, education, poverty and hunger, including, as appropriate, debt relief, improved market access, support for the private sector and entrepreneurship, enhanced official development assistance, increased foreign direct investment and transfer of technology on mutually agreed terms, enhanced economic empowerment of women, the promotion of social protection systems and the conclusion of the round of negotiations of the World Trade Organization;

14. *Recognizes* that the implementation of the commitments made by Governments during the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty has fallen short of expectations and welcomes the proclamation of the Second Decade (2008-2017) by the General Assembly in its resolution 62/205 of 19 December 2007 in order to support, in an efficient and coordinated manner, the internationally agreed development goals related to poverty eradication, including the Millennium Development Goals;

15. *Encourages* all development partners to implement the principles of aid effectiveness, as recalled in the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development¹⁰⁴ adopted by the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus on 2 December 2008;

16. *Recognizes* the need for national Governments and the international community to make continued efforts to increase the flow of new and additional resources for financing for development from all sources, public and private, domestic and foreign, to support the development of African countries;

17. *Welcomes* the efforts by development partners to align their financial and technical support to Africa more closely with the priorities of the New Partnership, as reflected in national poverty reduction strategies or in similar strategies, and encourages development partners to increase their efforts in this regard;

18. *Acknowledges* the activities of the Bretton Woods institutions and the African Development Bank in African countries, and invites those institutions to continue their support for the implementation of the priorities and objectives of the New Partnership;

19. *Notes* the growing collaboration among the entities of the United Nations system in support of the New Partnership, and requests the Secretary-General to promote greater coherence in the work of the United Nations system in support of the New Partnership, on the basis of the agreed clusters;

20. *Emphasizes* the importance for the cluster working on communication, advocacy and outreach to continue to mu

22. *Invites* the Secretary-General, as a follow-up to the 2005 World Summit, to urge the organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to assist African countries in implementing quick-impact initiatives, based on their national development priorities and strategies, to enable them to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, and in this respect, acknowledges recent commitments by some donor countries;

23. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take measures to strengthen the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa, and requests the Office to collaborate with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat and to include the social dimensions of the New Partnership in its comprehensive reports to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session;

24. *Requests* the Commission for Social Development to discuss in its annual programme of work, those regional programmes that promote social development so as to enable all regions to share experiences and best practices, with the agreement of concerned countries, and in this regard, work programmes of the Commission should include priority areas of the New Partnership, as appropriate;

25. *Decides* that the Commission for Social Development should continue to give prominence to and raise awareness of the social dimensions of the New Partnership during its forty-eighth session;

26. *Requests* the Secretary-General to d8nuec 0 T7aocial Develoncretaccii-

adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 60/288 of 8 September 2006,

“Recalling its resolution 62/272 of 5 September 2008, in which it called upon Member States, the United Nations and other appropriate international, regional and subregional organizations to step up their efforts to implement the Strategy in an integrated manner and in all its aspects, and reaffirmed the need to enhance international cooperation in countering terrorism,

“Recalling also its resolution 63/195 of 18 December 2008, in which it requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to enhance its technical assistance to Member States, upon request, to strengthen international cooperation in preventing and combating terrorism,

“1. Commends the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, including its Terrorism Prevention Branch, for providing, in close consultation with the Counter-Terrorism Committee and its Executive Directorate, technical assistance to States, upon request, to facilitate the implementation of the international conventions and protocols related to terrorism and relevant United Nations resolutions, and requests the Office, within its mandate, to continue to enhance its efforts in that regard, in close coordination with the Counter-Terrorism Committee and the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force;

“2. Urges Member States that have not yet done so to consider becoming parties without delay to the existing international conventions and protocols related to terrorism, and requests the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, within its mandate, to reinforce the provision of technical assistance to Member States, upon request, for the ratification and legislative incorporation of those international legal instruments and for the building of capacity to implement them;

“3. Urges Member States to strengthen, to the greatest extent possible, international cooperation in order to prevent and combat terrorism, including, when appropriate, by entering into bilateral and multilateral treaties on extradition and mutual legal assistance, within the framework of the international conventions and protocols related to terrorism and relevant United Nations resolutions and in accordance with international law, including the Charter of the United Nations, and to ensure adequate training of all relevant personnel in executing internUn98 Tdmering 36obo ensure adequifice s198 Td of all e.2of 8

thematic areas of relevance to the mandates of the Office and to provide, upon request, technical assistance for building the capacity of Member States to ratify and implement the international conventions and protocols related to terrorism, especially through the preparation of technical tools and publications and the training of criminal justice officials, and requests the Office to report to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its nineteenth and twentieth sessions on the activities of the Office in that regard;

“6. *Also requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, within its mandate and in coordination with the Counter-Terrorism Committee and its Executive Directorate and the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, to continue to work with international organizations and relevant entities of the United Nations system, as well as with regional and subregional organizations and arrangements, in the delivery of technical assistance, whenever appropriate;

“7. *Expresses its appreciation* to all Member States that have supported the technical assistance activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, including through financial contributions, and invites all Member States to consider making additional voluntary financial contributions, as well as providing in-kind support, especially in view of the need for enhanced and effective delivery of technical assistance to assist Member States with the implementation of relevant provisions of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy;

“8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime with sufficient resources to carry out activities within its mandate, including in the area of counter-terrorism, and, in the context of the strategy for the period 2008-2011 for the Office, to assist Member States, upon request, in the implementation of the relevant elements of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy;

“9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.”

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International cooperation in the prevention, investigation, prosecution and punishment of economic fraud and identity related-crime

The Economic and Social Council,

Concerned about the serious threats posed by economic fraud and identity-related crime and by other illicit activities that those forms of crime support,

Concerned also about the exploitation of new information, communications and commercial technologies by perpetrators of economic fraud and identity-related

crime and about the threats that such exploitation poses to commerce and to those technologies and their users,

Concerned further about the short- and long-term impact of economic fraud and identity-related crime,

Convinced of the need to have in place appropriate and effective domestic

forgery and other forms of cybercrime that may contribute to the perpetration of economic fraud, identity-related crime, money-laundering and other related illicit activities,

Recalling that, in its resolution 2007/20 of 26 July 2007, it requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to provide, upon request and subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources, legal expertise or other forms of technical assistance to Member States reviewing or updating their laws dealing with transnational fraud and identity-related crime, in order to ensure that appropriate legislative responses to such offences were in place,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation in the prevention, investigation, prosecution and punishment of economic fraud and identity-related crime,¹¹⁰ which contains information on the efforts of reporting Member States to implement Economic and Social Council resolution 2007/20 of 26 July 2007 and on their strategies for responding to the problems posed by such forms of crime;

2. *Also takes note* of the thematic discussion of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its eighteenth session on the theme “Economic fraud and identity-related crime”;

3. *Acknowledges* the efforts of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to establish, in consultation with the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, a core group of experts on identity-related crime and bring together on a regular basis representatives from Governments, private sector entities, international and regional organizations and academia to pool experience, develop strategies, facilitate further research and agree on practical action against identity-related crime;

4. *Takes note* of the work of the core group of experts on identity-related crime at its meetings held in Courmayeur, Italy, on 29 and 30 November 2007 and in Vienna on 2 and 3 June 2008 and from 20 to 22 January 2009;

5. *Welcomes* the initiative of the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the Government of Austria, with the support of the European Anti-Fraud Office and other partners, to work collaboratively towards the establishment of an international anti-corruption academy and looks forward to the academy becoming fully operational in the shortest possible time and contributing to the building of capacity in the area of countering economic fraud and identity-related crime, as well as corruption;

6. *Encourages* Member States, taking into account the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Expert Group to Prepare a Study on Fraud and the Criminal Misuse and Falsification of Identity,¹¹¹ convened pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2004/26 of 21 July 2004:

(a) To combat economic fraud and identity-related crime by ensuring adequate investigative powers and, where appropriate, by reviewing and updating the relevant laws;

Recalling also the strategy for the period 2008-2011 for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime,¹¹² which provides a clear framework for the work of the Office,

1. *Welcomes* the adoption by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime of a regional approach for programming based on consultation and partnership at the national and regional levels and focused on ensuring that the Office responds in a sustainable and coherent manner to the priorities of Member States;

2. *Notes* the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime aimed at achieving a stronger working relationship with other entities of the United Nations system, including the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat, the United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank;

3. *Welcomes* the recent outcomes of the ministerial and expert meetings held for the subregions of East Africa, West Africa, East Asia and the Pacific and the Caribbean, at which programmes were discussed and agreement was reached on the way forward;

4. *Looks forward* to receiving the outcomes of the subregional meetings for Central America and South-Eastern Europe that will be held in the near future;

5. *Encourages* Member States from other subregions to engage with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in the preparation of similar subregional programmes;

6. *Expresses its appreciation* to Governments that have hosted regional conferences and expert group meetings and to Governments that have provided financial support to make those conferences and meetings possible;

7. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue to make every effort to ensure an effective process of consultation for the regional programmes and to ensure that such programmes are distributed as widely as possible;

8. *Also requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to enhance, in a coordinated manner, its efforts to provide technical assistance and advisory services for the implementation of regional programmes;

9. *Encourages* all Member States to draw, where appropriate, upon the regional programmes of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the technical assistance activities outlined therein in the development of national legislation, procedures, policies and strategies to strengthen criminal justice systems and related institutions;

10. *Invites* all Member States, as well as subregional and regional institutions, to mainstream measures to counter organized crime, corruption and illicit drug trafficking in their national and regional development strategies, in accordance with the relevant international conventions, and to make every effort to allocate resources for the implementation of those measures;

11. *Encourages*

12. *Invites* relevant entities of the United Nations system, including the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank, as well as other international agencies and organizations, to continue coordinating with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in order to support the implementation of the regional programmes of the Office and to integrate crime prevention and drug control measures in their development programmes;

13. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to give high priority to the implementation of the regional programmes of the Office and to report on progress made on such implementation to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at their sessions to be held in the first half of 2011.

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International cooperation to prevent, combat and eliminate kidnapping and to provide assistance to victims of kidnapping

The Economic and Social Council,

Concerned about the increased number of kidnappings in various countries of the world and about the harmful effects of that crime both on victims and on their families, and determined to support measures to assist and protect victims of kidnapping and their families and to promote their recovery,

Reiterating that kidnapping under any circumstances and for any purpose constitutes a serious crime and a violation of individual freedom that undermines human rights and may have a negative impact on the economies, development and security of States,

Concerned about the growing tendency of organized criminal groups and, in certain circumstances, terrorist groups to resort to kidnapping, especially for the purpose of extortion, with a view to consolidating their criminal operations and undertaking other illegal activities, such as trafficking in firearms or drugs, money-laundering or trafficking in persons,

Convinced that any linkage of various illegal activities involving kidnapping poses an additional threat to quality of life and hinders economic and social development,

Convinced also that the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime,¹¹³ the applicable provisions of the relevant terrorism conventions and the other applicable provisions of relevant multilateral and bilateral agreements provide the legal framework necessary for international cooperation to prevent, combat and eliminate kidnapping and that, in order to ach.871 0 Td25[(Or)18(gani)-ni

Recalling General Assembly resolution 59/154 of 20 December 2004, entitled “International cooperation in the prevention, combating and elimination of kidnapping and in providing assistance to victims”, in which the Assembly requested the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to prepare a handbook, for use by competent authorities, of proven and promising practices in the fight against kidnapping,

Acknowledging the financial and technical contributions made by Member States to the preparation of that handbook,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 61/179 of 20 December 2006, in which the Assembly noted with satisfaction the publication of an operational manual against kidnapping, prepared pursuant to its resolution 59/154, and invited Member States to consider the possibility of using the manual in their national efforts to combat kidnapping,

1. *Vigorously condemns and rejects once again* the offence of kidnapping, under any circumstances and for any purpose;

2. *Encourages* Member States to continue to foster international cooperation, especially extradition, mutual legal assistance, collaboration between law enforcement authorities and the exchange and joint analysis of information, with a view to preventing, combating and eliminating kidnapping, including by denying kidnapers the benefit of substantive concessions;

3. *Calls upon* Member States that have not yet done so, in furtherance of the fight against kidnapping, to establish kidnapping as a predicate offence for money-laundering and to engage in international cooperation and mutual assistance in, inter alia, the tracing, detection, freezing and confiscation of proceeds of kidnapping;

4. *Also calls upon* Member States, consistent with their obligations as parties to the relevant international conventions, to fully implement the provisions of those conventions, in accordance with the fundamental principles of their legal systems, by permitting extradition when any one of the bases of jurisdiction provided for in any one of those conventions is asserted by a requesting State;

5. *Encourages* Member States to take such measures as they deem appropriate, including measures to raise awareness, to ensure that judges, judicial officials, prosecutors and others in the criminal justice system are aware of the obligations of parties to the relevant international conventions and that they

8. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in coordination with other relevant entities, to provide technical assistance to Member States, upon request, to enable them to strengthen their capacity to combat kidnapping, including by:

Bearing in mind the Bangkok Declaration on Synergies and Responses: Strategic Alliances in Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice,¹¹⁴ in which Member States declared their intention to improve responses to crime and terrorism nationally and internationally by collecting and sharing information on crime and welcomed the work done by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and by the institutes of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme network in the area of trends in crime and justice,

Bearing in mind also the recommendations and conclusions of the expert group on crime statistics convened pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolutions 1996/11 of 23 July 1996, 1997/27 of 21 July 1997 and 2005/23 of 22 July 2005,

Noting the systems for the collection of data and information on criminal justice already in place at the regional and international levels, including the delinquency observatories, and convinced of the importance of avoiding duplication,

Underscoring the importance of improving data collection tools in order to ensure a simple and more efficient process, thus encouraging and motivating a greater number of Member States to submit the required information on time and ensuring a more representative assessment, at the international level, of all relevant aspects of specific crime issues,

Recognizing the importance of building the capacity of Member States to collect and report such information,

Recognizing also the importance of the work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in the regular collection of information through the United Nations Survey on Crime Trends and Operations of Criminal Justice Systems pursuant to General Assembly resolution 3021 (XXVII) of 18 December 1972 on crime prevention and control and Economic and Social Council resolution 1984/48 of 25 May 1984 on crime prevention and criminal justice in the context of development,

1. *Invites* Member States to strengthen their efforts to review and improve data collection tools in order to obtain an objective, scientific, balanced and transparent assessment of emerging trends in specific areas of crime;

2. *Also invites* Member States to share information on the progress made and the obstacles encountered in fostering the exchange among States of information related to crime and to the function of the criminal justice system;

3. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to establish an open-ended intergovernmental expert working group, to be convened at least once between sessions of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, to prepare recommendations on the improvement of tools for the collection of relevant crime data, in particular the United Nations Survey on Crime Trends and Operations of Criminal Justice Systems, and of the collection, collation, analysis and reporting processes, in support of the ongoing work of the Office in that area, invites Member States and other donors to provide extrabudgetary resources for that purpose in accordance with the rules and procedures of the United Nations, and notes that the working group should base its work on, inter alia, the following general considerations:

¹¹⁴ General Assembly resolution 60/177, annex.

(a) The need to simplify and improve the reporting system of the United Nations Survey on Crime Trends and Operations of Criminal Justice Systems in order to encourage more Member States to report, in a coordinated and integrated way, on their efforts, achievements and challenges in specific areas of crime and provide information relating to the nature and extent of challenges posed by transnational crime;

(b) The need to avoid duplication of efforts to the extent possible by taking into account existing reporting procedures, including those of relevant regional and international bodies;

(c) The need for accurate, reliable and internationally comparable data on all relevant aspects of specific crime issues, bearing in mind the value of comparing those data with previously collected data, including from surveys on victimization, where possible;

(d) The possibility of using for the United Nations Survey on Crime Trends and Operations of Criminal Justice Systems a shorter, annual questionnaire containing a core set of questions;

(e) The possibility of including in such a core survey on crime trends and operations of criminal justice systems thematic modules reflecting the theme or themes of the thematic discussions of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice;

(f) The importance of learning from the experience acquired by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime through the data collection mechanisms established in respect of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto¹¹⁵ and the United Nations Convention against Corruption,¹¹⁶ including in relation to the use of modern technologies, where feasible;

4. *Invites* relevant international and regional organizations, upon request, to provide to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime information on their experiences in collecting crime-related data;

5. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to submit to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, at its nineteenth session, a report on the activities of the above-mentioned expert working group;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in coordination with the Statistical Commission, to report to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, at its twentieth session, on the implementation of the present resolution.

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¹¹⁵ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vols. 2225, 2237, 2241 and 2326, No. 39574.

¹¹⁶ *Ibid.*, vol. 2349, No. 42146.

regard to social workers and providers of legal assistance, awareness-building and monitoring, and the establishment of child-sensitive procedures and institutions;

4. *Encourages* Member States, where appropriate, to conduct scientific research in relation to children in conflict with the law, in such areas as their social environment and other risk factors, and measures for their social rehabilitation and integration into society;

5. *Invites* Member States, as appropriate, to make use of the technical assistance tools developed by the Interagency Panel on Juvenile Justice and by its members and to seek technical advice and assistance in the area of child justice from the members of the Panel in order to design, implement and monitor comprehensive child justice policies;

6. *Encourages* Member States and international funding agencies to provide adequate resources to the secretariat of the Interagency Panel on Juvenile Justice and to the members of the Panel so that they may continue to provide enhanced technical assistance, upon request, to Member States, in particular to those having expressed a need for technical assistance pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 2007/23 of 26 July 2007;

7. *Invites* the members of the Interagency Panel on Juvenile Justice to continue providing assistance to Member States, upon request and subject to the availability of resources, in the area of child justice, including by following up on the recommendations contained in the United Nations study on violence against children¹²⁴ and setting up national data collection and criminal justice information systems with regard to children in conflict with the law, using as a guide the *Manual for the Measurement of Juvenile Justice Indicators*;¹²⁶

8. *Encourages* the members of the Interagency Panel on Juvenile Justice to further increase their cooperation, to share information and to pool their capacities and resources in order to increase the effectiveness of programme implementation, including through, when appropriate, joint programming, and the development of common tools and awareness-raising;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, at its twentieth session, on the implementation of the present resolution.

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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 2008/35 of 25 July 2008,

Reiterating that training and capacity-development activities should be accorded a more visible and larger role in support of the management of

¹²⁶ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.107.V.7.

international affairs and in the execution of the economic and social development programmes of the United Nations system,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General,¹²⁷

Acknowledging the progress made by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research through the implementation of its strategic reforms and the achievements in strengthening institutional capacity for training and research, enhancing human capital, building strategic partnerships and rationalizing its organizational structure,

Acknowledging also the number of programmatic achievements and the leadership role that the Institute is playing in the area of training in diverse fields such as the environment, local development and international migration and development, and in the area of researchzatiac7(e dev)]TJon eon-6(art)-7ib.363(

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The role of the United Nations system in implementing the

Nations activities, and reaffirms the continuing need to ensure a balance among economic development, social development and environmental protection as interdependent and mutually reinforcing pillars of sustainable development;

2. *Requests* all member organizations of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination to further mainstream, at all levels, the sustainable development agenda, including recommendations of the Commission on Sustainable Development, and to align and coordinate, as well as promote coherence among, their policies, programmes, initiatives and activities, as appropriate;

3. *Requests* the funds, programmes and agencies of the United Nations system, as appropriate within their mandates, to continue to provide and further strengthen their support to developing countries in:

(a) Building their capacity to formulate effective sustainable development strategies;

(b) Mobilizing adequate and sustained levels of financial resources for meeting the priority objectives of sustainable development;

(c) Enhancing access to external resources as well as to key technologies for sustainable development;

4. *Notes* the progress made by UN-Energy in enhancing United Nations system cooperation and coordination with respect to following up the energy agenda of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, and calls on it to further promote system-wide policy coherence in relation to, inter alia, energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies;

5. *Invites* the United Nations system to further strengthen a coordinated and coherent system-wide approach to addressing the adverse impacts of climate change, particularly in developing countries;

6. *Encourages* the United Nations system to support and participate in, as appropriate, the activities being envisaged for the observance of 2010 as the International Year of Biodiversity, including those organized under the auspices of the secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity;¹³⁶

7. *Invites* the funds, programmes and agencies of the United Nations system, as appropriate within their mandates, to support, in a coordinated manner, initiatives directed towards implementing green initiatives in developing countries, encompassing, inter alia, the preparation of strategies for achieving a green economy in the context of sustainable development, including through capacity-building and the transfer and diffusion of environmentally sound technologies and corresponding know-how, in particular to developing countries and countries with economies in transition, on favourable terms, including on concessional and preferential terms, as mutually agreed, while taking note of the coordination work of UN-Energy in this regard;

8. *Also invites* the funds, programmes and agencies of the United Nations system, as appropriate within their mandates, to integrate their work on water issues at the regional and local levels into United Nations country-level efforts to support national sustainable development strategies and to promote the implementation of

¹³⁶ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

the priorities agreed in the framework of the Commission on Sustainable Development, while taking note, inter alia, of the coordination work of UN-Water in this regard;

9. *Calls upon* the United Nations system to support efforts to promote sustainable consumption and production patterns, including through the Marrakech Process, with developed countries taking the lead, and with all countries benefiting

Recalling its agreed conclusions 1995/1 of 28 July 1995¹³⁷ and 2002/1 of 26 July 2002¹³⁸ and its relevant resolutions and decisions on the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, in light of relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 61/16,

Recognizing the important role of the annual ministerial review and the Development Cooperation Forum in strengthening the Economic and Social Council and in promoting the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, in light of relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 61/16;¹³⁹

2. *Underscores* the need to implement General Assembly resolution 57/270 B as well as subsequent resolutions relevant to the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields;

3. *Reiterates* its role as the central mechanism for system-wide coordination as well as its role in promoting the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences in the economic, social and related fields, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and relevant General Assembly resolutions, in particular resolutions 50/227, 57/270 B and 61/16;

4. *Stresses*

while enhancing information-sharing and dialogue between the various United Nations and non-United Nations bodies that monitor progress on financing for development issues, while noting that there is substantial room to enhance the sharing of best practices;

Emphasizing that the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least

8. *Underlines* the fact that, for the further implementation of the Programme of Action, the least developed countries and their development partners must be guided by an integral approach, a broader genuine partnership, country ownership, market considerations and results-oriented actions encompassing:

- (a) Fostering a people-centred policy framework;
- (b) Ensuring good governance at both the national and international levels as essential for the implementation of the commitments embodied in the Programme of Action;
- (c) Building human and institutional capacities;
- (d) Building productive capacities to

full support to and cooperation with the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take appropriate measures for the preparation for the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries as well as for the implementation of the advocacy strategy on the effective and timely implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010,¹⁵³ in coordination with all relevant stakeholders;

16. *Requests also* the Secretary-General to ensure the active involvement of the organizations of the United Nations system in the preparatory process for the Conference in a coordinated and coherent manner, inter alia, by making use of the existing coordination mechanisms of the United Nations system;

17. *Reiterates* the request of the General Assembly that the organizations of the United Nations system provide, and *invites* the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and other relevant international and regional organizations, within their respective mandates, to provide, necessary support and actively contribute to the preparatory process for the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries and to the Conference itself;

18. *Expresses its concern* about the insufficiency of resources in the trust fund established for the participation of the least developed countries in the annual review of the implementation of the Programme of Action by the Council, and expresses its appreciation to those countries that have made voluntary contributions;

19. *Reiterates* the critical importance of the participation of Government representatives from the least developed countries in the annual review of the Programme of Action by the Council, invites donor countries to continue to support the participation of two representatives from each least developed country in the annual review of the implementation of the Programme of Action, including by contributing, in an adequate and timely manner, to the special trust fund, and requests the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts to mobilize the necessary resources in order to ensure that the trust fund is adequately resourced and to provide information on the status of the trust fund;

20. *Reiterates also* its request to the Secretary-General to include least developed country issues in all relevant reports in the economic, social and related fields in order to ensure follow-up to their development in the broader context of the world economy and contribute to preventing their marginalization while promoting their further integration into the world economy;

21. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit an analytical and results-oriented annual progress report on the further implementation of the Programme of Action and to make available adequate resources, within existing resources, for the preparation of such a report.

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¹⁵³ See A/62/322.

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African countries emerging from conflict

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 2008/30 of 25 July 2008,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Chairman of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission for providing insights and information on post-conflict recovery, based on the engagement of the Commission with the countries in its agenda, and urges the Commission to continue to strengthen its support for peacebuilding processes in the African countries placed in its agenda;

2. *Invites* the Chairman of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission to continue to inform it on best practices, particularly on lessons learned from its experiences, that are relevant for addressing the economic and social challenges of peacebuilding in other African countries emerging from conflict;

3. *Invites* the Peacebuilding Commission to strengthen its cooperation with the Economic and Social Council, including through an enhanced dialogue between the Council and the Chairpersons of the Commission's country-specific configurations;

4. *Decides* to consider this matter at its substantive session of 2010 under the agenda item entitled "African countries emerging from conflict".

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Support to Non-Self-Governing Territories by the specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations

The Economic and Social Council,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General¹⁵⁴ and the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council containing the information submitted by the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system on their activities with regard to the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,¹⁵⁵

Having heard the statement by the representative of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples,¹⁵⁶

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and 1541 (XV) of 15 December 1960, the resolutions of the Special Committee and

¹⁵⁴ A/64/62.

¹⁵⁵ E/2009/69.

¹⁵⁶ See E/2009/SR.39.

Mindful of the imperative need to keep under continuous review the activities of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system in the implementation of the various United Nations decisions relating to decolonization,

Bearing in mind the extremely fragile economies of the small island Non-Self-Governing Territories and their vulnerability to natural disasters, such as hurricanes, cyclones and sea-level rise, and recalling the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 63/103 of 5 December 2008, entitled “Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations”,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council,¹⁵⁵ and endorses the observations and suggestions arising therefrom;

2. *Also takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;¹⁵⁴

3. *Recommends* that all States intensify their efforts within the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system of which they are members to ensure the full and effective implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV), and other relevant resolutions of the United Nations;

4. *Reaffirms* that the specialized agencies and other organizations and institutions of the United Nations system should continue to be guided by the relevant resolutions of the United Nations in their efforts to contribute to the implementation of the Declaration and all other relevant General Assembly resolutions;

5. *Also reaffirms* that the recognition by the General Assembly, the Security Council and other United Nations organs of the legitimacy of the aspirations of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories to exercise their right to self-determination entails, as a corollary, the extension of all appropriate assistance to those peoples;

6. *Expresses its appreciation* to those specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system that have continued to cooperate with the United Nations and the regional and subregional organizations in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and other relevant resolutions of the United Nations, and requests all of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to implement the relevant provisions of those resolutions;

7. *Requests* the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and international and regional organizations to examine and review conditions in each Non-Self-Governing Territory so that they may take appropriate measures to accelerate progress in the economic and social sectors of those Territories;

8. *Urges* those specialized agencies and organizations of the United Nations system that have not yet provided assistance to Non-Self-Governing Territories to do so as soon as possible;

9. *Requests* the specialized agencies and other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and regional organizations to strengthen existing

measures of support and to formulate appropriate programmes of assistance to the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories, within the framework of their respective mandates, in order to accelerate progress in the economic and social sectors of those Territories;

10. *Recommends* that the executive heads of the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system formulate, with the active cooperation of the regional organizations concerned, concrete proposals for the full implementation of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations and submit those proposals to their governing and legislative organs;

11. *Also recommends* that the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system continue to review, at the regular meetings of their governing bodies, the implementation of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and other relevant resolutions of the United Nations;

12. *Welcomes* the preparation by the Department of Public Information and the Department of Political Affairs of the Secretariat, in consultation with the United Nations Development Programme, the specialized agencies and the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, of an informational leaflet on assistance programmes available to the Non-Self-Governing Territories and its updated 2009 online version, and requests that they be disseminated as widely as possible;

13. *Also welcomes* the continuing efforts made by the United Nations Development Programme in maintaining a close liaison between the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system, including the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and other Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967,

Recalling the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,¹⁶⁰ the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,¹⁶⁰ and the

Commending the important work being done by the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the donor community in support of the economic and social development of the Palestinian people, as well as the assistance being provided in the humanitarian field,

Recognizing the efforts being undertaken by the Palestinian Authority, with international support, to rebuild, reform and strengthen its damaged institutions and promote good governance, and emphasizing the need to preserve the Palestinian institutions and infrastructure and to ameliorate economic and social conditions,

Stressing the importance of national unity among the Palestinian people and emphasizing the need for the respect and preservation of the territorial integrity and unity of the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem,

Calling on both parties to fulfil their obligations under the road map¹⁶⁴ in cooperation with the Quartet,

1. *Calls for* the lifting of all mobility restrictions imposed on the Palestinian people, including those arising from ongoing Israeli military operations and the multilayered closures system, and for other urgent measures to be taken to alleviate the desperate humanitarian situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, especially in the Gaza Strip;

2. *Stresses* the need to preserve the national unity and the territorial integrity of the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and to guarantee the freedom of movement of persons and goods throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, as well as to and from the outside world;

3. *Demands* that Israel comply with the Protocol on Economic Relations between the Government of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization signed in Paris on 29 April 1994;¹⁶⁵

4. *Calls upon* Israel to restore and replace civilian properties, vital

7. *Reaffirms* the inalienable right of the Palestinian people and the Arab population of the occupied Syrian Golan to all their natural and economic resources, and calls upon Israel, the occupying Power, not to exploit, endanger or cause loss or depletion of these resources;

8. *Calls upon*

pave the way for the establishment of the independent Palestinian State and the achievement of a just, lasting and comprehensive peace settlement;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on the implementation of the present resolution and to continue to include in the report of the United Nations Special Coordinator an update on the living conditions of the Palestinian people, in collaboration with relevant United Nations agencies;

16. *Decides* to include the item entitled “Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan” in the agenda of its substantive session of 2010.

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Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eleventh session

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 59/209 of 20 December 2004 on a smooth transition strategy for countries graduating from the list of least developed countries,

Recalling also its resolutions 2007/34 and 2007/35 of 27 July 2007,

Expressing its conviction that no country graduating from the least developed

6. *Reiterates* the importance for development partners to implement concrete measures in support of the transition strategy of ensuring durable graduation;

7. *Requests* the Committee to monitor the development progress of countries graduating from the list of least developed countries and to include its findings in its annual report to the Economic and Social Council;

8. *Invites* the Chairperson and, as necessary, other members of the Committee to continue the practice of reporting orally on the work of the Committee.

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Appointments

Committee for Development Policy

The Council appointed the following 23 experts for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2010: Bina **Agarwal** (India), Mary Helena **Allegretti** (Brazil), José Antonio **Alonso** (Spain), Alice **Amsden** (United States of America), Lourdes **Arizpe** (Mexico), Kwesi **Botchwey** (Ghana), Giovanni Andrea **Cornia** (Italy), Ricardo **Ffrench-Davis** (Chile), Sakiko **Fukuda-Parr** (Japan), Norman **Girvan** (Jamaica), Philippe **Hein** (Mauritius), Mulu **Ketsela** (Ethiopia), Wahiduddin **Mahmud** (Bangladesh), Amina **Mama** (South Africa), Thandika **Mkwandawire** (Sweden), Adil **Najam** (Pakistan), Hans **Opschoor** (Netherlands), Pasuk **Phongpaichit** (Thailand), Vladimir **Popov** (Russian Federation), Fatima

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van der Merwe (South Africa) and Armando Lara **Yaffar** (M 10.exico 10.).

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~~For the 10th session of the Committee for Development Policy, the Council has appointed the following 23 experts for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2010: Bina Agarwal (India), Mary Helena Allegretti (Brazil), José Antonio Alonso (Spain), Alice Amsden (United States of America), Lourdes Arizpe (Mexico), Kwesi Botchwey (Ghana), Giovanni Andrea Cornia (Italy), Ricardo Ffrench-Davis (Chile), Sakiko Fukuda-Parr (Japan), Norman Girvan (Jamaica), Philippe Hein (Mauritius), Mulu Ketsela (Ethiopia), Wahiduddin Mahmud (Bangladesh), Amina Mama (South Africa), Thandika Mkwandawire (Sweden), Adil Najam (Pakistan), Hans Opschoor (Netherlands), Pasuk Phongpaichit (Thailand), Vladimir Popov (Russian Federation), Fatima~~

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Operational activities for development

At its 32nd plenary meeting, on 22 July 2009, the Economic and Social Council, recalling General Assembly resolution 63/232 of 19 December 2008, in which the Assembly, inter alia, decided to hold its next comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system in 2012 and subsequent reviews on a quadrennial basis, recommends that the General Assembly, at its sixty-fourth session, request the Secretary-General to postpone to its sixty-seventh session the submission, through the Economic and Social Council, of the comprehensive analysis of the implementation of Assembly resolution 62/208 of 19 December 2007, to be prepared in accordance with the guidance contained in paragraph 143 thereof.

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Documentation considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

At its 32nd plenary meeting, on 22 July 2009, the Economic and Social Council decided to take note of the following documents:

(a) Report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the National Execution of Technical Cooperation Projects;⁵

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on actions taken by the executive boards and governing bodies of the United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies in the area of simplification and harmonization of the United Nations development system;⁶

(c) Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its first, second and annual sessions of 2008;⁷

(d) Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund on its work during 2008;⁸

(e) Report to the Economic and Social Council of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund;⁹

(f) Annual report to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations Children's Fund;¹⁰

(g) Annual report of the World Food Programme for 2008;¹¹

⁵ E/2009/103.

⁶ E/2009/61.

⁷ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2008, Supplement No. 14* (E/2008/34/Rev.1).

⁸ *Ibid.*, *Supplement No. 15* (E/2008/35).

⁹ E/2009/5.

¹⁰ E/2009/6-E/ICEF/2009/3.

¹¹ E/2009/14.

2009/218**Provisional calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields for 2010 and 2011**

At its 35th plenary meeting, on 24 July 2009, the Economic and Social Council decided to approve the provisional calendar of conferences and meetings for 2010 and 2011 in the economic, social and related fields.¹⁹

2009/219**Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its twelfth session and provisional agenda and documentation for the thirteenth session of the Commission**

At its 36th plenary meeting, on 24 July 2009, the Economic and Social Council:

- (a) Took note of the report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its twelfth session;²⁰
- (b) Approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the thirteenth session of the Commission as set out below:

Provisional agenda and documentation for the thirteenth session of the Commission

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
2. Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

3. Priority themes:
 - (a) Improvements and innovations in existing financing mechanisms;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

- (b) New and emerging technologies.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

4. Presentation of reports on science, technology and innovation policy reviews.

¹⁹ E/2009/L.10.

²⁰ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2009, Supplement No. 11 (E/2009/31)*.

5. Implementation of and progress made on decisions taken at the twelfth session of the Commission.
6. Election of the Chairperson and other officers for the fourteenth session of the Commission.
7. Provisional agenda and documentation for the fourteenth session of the Commission.
8. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its thirteenth session.

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Report of the Secretary-General on enhanced cooperation on public policy issues pertaining to the Internet

At its 36th plenary meeting, on 24 July 2009, the Economic and Social Council decided to defer consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on enhanced cooperation on public policy issues pertaining to the Internet to its substantive session of 2010.²¹

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Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 27 July 2009, the Economic and Social Council decided:

(a) To grant consultative status to the following 64 non-governmental organizations:

Special consultative status

Academy for Educational Development
African Citizens Development Foundation
African Wildlife Foundation
All-China Environment Federation
Ambassadors for Children
American Society of the Italian Legions of Merit
Asia-Pacific Human Rights Information Center
Association malienne d'initiatives et d'actions pour le développement
Association for Women's Career Development in Hungary

Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey
Verein Südwind Entwicklungspolitik
Vida y Familia de Guadalajara
Viet Nam Peace and Development Foundation
Women and Memory Forum
Women for Women International
Women's Bar Association of the State of New York
Women's Education and Culture Foundation
World Family of Radio Maria
World Lung Foundation
World Political Forum

Roster

Association école de la cause freudienne
Danish 92 Group
International Foundation for Dharma Nature Time
International Game Fish Association
Fundación Mi Casa
Observatoire international des prisons — section française
Share the World's Resources

(b) To reclassify the following three non-governmental organizations from the roster to special consultative status:

Nour Foundation
International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics
International Movement against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism

(c) To note that the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations had taken note of the quadrennial reports of the following 94 non-governmental organizations for the reporting period 2004-2007:

Academic Council on the United Nations System
Action Canada for Population and Development
African Canadian Legal Clinic
Aland Islands Peace Institute
Al-Haq
All India Shah Behram Baug Society for Scientific and Educational Research
Alliance for Arab Women

American Civil Liberties Union

Antonio Restrepo Barco Foundation

Arab Centre for the Independence of the Judiciary and the Legal Profession

Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development

Asian Women in Cooperative Development Forum

Assemblée parlementaire de la francophonie

Mother's Union
Myochikai (Arigatou Foundation)
NGO Health Committee
One World Trust
Partnership for Indigenous Peoples Environment
Peaceways: Young General Assembly
Reach the Children
Red de Educación Popular entre Mujeres
Shinji Shumeikai
Society of Catholic Medical Missionaries
Sulabh International
Turkish Foundation for Combating Soil Erosion, for Reforestation and the Protection of Natural Habitats
VIVAT International
War Veterans Committee
Women's Human Rights International Association
Won-Buddhism Women's Association
World Association of Industrial and Technological Research Organizations
World Conference of Religions for Peace
World Human Dimension
World Youth Alliance
World Youth Foundation

(d) To note that the Committee had decided to close without prejudice consideration of the request for consultative status made by the following four non-governmental organizations:

Canadian Lawyers for International Human Rights
International Centre for Peace Studies
Social Alert
Women's Business Development Center

(e) To note that the Committee had decided to take note of the withdrawal by the following two non-governmental organizations of their applications for consultative status:

Africa Action
National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

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Outstanding quadrennial reports

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 27 July 2009, the Economic and Social Council took note of the decision of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to submit, at its resumed session, to the Council a list of non-governmental organizations, that have failed to submit their quadrennial reports for two or more consecutive periods, for suspension of their consultative status,

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Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 27 July 2009, the Economic and Social Council decided:

(a) To grant consultative status to the following 36 non-governmental organizations:

Special consultative status

Actions solidaires de soutien aux organisations et d'appui aux libertés

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority

Amici dei Bambini

Arab Red Crescent and Red Cross Organization

Association des Badinga du Congo

Association pour l'action sociale et le développement

Benin Rural Assistance

Centres d'accueil de l'espoir

Centre d'animation, de formation, de recherche et d'appui au développement

Centre de développement agro-pastoral de Djolu

Centre de formation aux techniques informatiques

Centre national d'information sur les droits des femmes et des familles

Vrienden van Congo

EastWest Institute

FATIMA Women's Network

Fédération européenne des centres de recherche et d'information sur le sectarisme

Feminist League

Femmes autochtones du Québec

Fundación de Ayuda y Promoción de las Culturas Indígenas Rosa Collelldevall

Help for the Andes Foundation

Genève pour les droits de l'homme

Global Volunteer Network Foundation

GAVI Fund

Haiti Mission

Human Security Initiative Organization

International Initiative for Peace

International Institute for the Development of Citizenship
International Association of Women Judges
Smile of a Child
Magnificat Environment
National Youth Council of Russia
Passionists International
Regards de femmes
Volontariato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo
Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council

Roster

International Information Centre for Terminology

(b) To reclassify the following non-governmental organization from special to general consultative status:

Russian Peace Foundation

(c) To note that the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations had taken note of the quadrennial reports of the following 110 organizations for the reporting period 2004-2007:

Aging Research Center
AIDS Information Switzerland
Alan Guttmacher Institute
Alulbayt Foundation
American Psychological Association
American Society for Training and Development
Arab Network for Environment and Development
Armenian Assembly of America
Asia Crime Prevention Foundation
Asia-Japan Women's Resource Centre
Asociación Internacional de Presupuesto Publico
Association de volontaires pour le service international
Center for International Rehabilitation
Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Production of the Argentine Republic
China Association for Science and Technology
China Care and Compassion Society
Comité national d'entraide de la jeunesse et de l'enfance

Commission of the Churches on International Affairs of the World Council of Churches

Community and Family Services International

Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd

Dogal Hayati Koruma Dernegi: Society for the Protection of Nature

Drug Abuse Information Rehabilitation and Research Centre

EarthRights International

European Intermodal Association

European Network of Policewomen

Finnish Youth Cooperation

Fondation Mohammed V pour la solidarité

Fondazione Giovanni e Francesca Falcone

Foundation ECPAT International

Foundation for Human Rights and Freedoms and Humanitarian Relief

Foundation for the Support of the United Nations

Foundation Partners for Local Development

Fraternité Notre Dame

Front Line: International Foundation for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders

Global Fund for Children

Guyana Responsible Parenthood Association

Hope Worldwide

Human Lactation Center

Indian Social Institute

Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy

Institute for Multicultural Communications, Cooperation and Development

Institute for the Development of Education, Arts and Leisure

Institute of Social Studies Trust

International Association “Znanie”

International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property

International Astronautical Federation

International Automobile Federation

International Buddhist Relief Organisation

International Catholic Child Bureau

Rehab Group
Research Centre for Feminist Action
Research Institute for Enhancing Women's Lives
Right To Play
Sister to Sister International
Soroptimist International
Turtle Island Restoration Network
UMUT Foundation
United Nations Association of China
Universal Peace Federation
Vie Montante International
Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund
Volontari nel Mondo
Women's Cultural and Social Society
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
Woods Hole Research Center
World Association of the Major Metropolises
World Council of Independent Christian Churches
World Energy Council
World Information Clearing Centre
World Movement of Mothers
World Organization of Former Students of Catholic Education
World Veterans Federation
World Vision Canada
World Vision International
World Wide Fund for Nature
Zayed International Prize for the Environment

(d) To note that the Committee had decided to close without prejudice consideration of the request for consultative status made by the following two non-governmental organizations:

Confederation of Organisations in Road Transport Enforcement
International Coalition for the Decade

(e) To note that the Committee had decided to suspend its consideration of

(f) To note that the Committee had decided to close its consideration of the application for consultative status submitted by the following two non-governmental organizations:

Assistance for a Voluntary Return and Reintegration of African Migrants

Dynamic Christian World Mission Foundation

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Application of the non-governmental organization Democracy Coalition Project for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 27 July 2009, the Economic and Social Council decided to grant special consultative status to the non-governmental organization Democracy Coalition Project.

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Non-governmental organizations with outstanding quadrennial reports, listed pursuant to Council resolution 2008/4

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 27 July 2009, the Economic and Social Council decided, in accordance with its resolution 2008/4 of 21 July 2008, to suspend immediately, for a period of one year, the consultative status of the

Association of Non-Governmental Organizations
Association of Women Entrepreneurs of Small-Scale Industries
Association pour le progrès et la défense des droits des femmes maliennes
Banana Kelly Community Improvement Association
BUSCO: Business Association for the World Social Summit
Centre for the Study of Administration of Relief
Centre of Arab Women for Training and Research
Centro de Investigación Social, Formación y Estudios de la Mujer
Children Australia
Christian Peace Conference
Collectif 95 Maghreb égalité
Comité directeur international sur la promotion économique des femmes rurales
Communication and Development Institute
Communities Forestry and Social Development Organization
Conseil national de la jeunesse et de l'avenir du Maroc
Council of European and Japanese National Shipowners Associations
Council on Economic Priorities
Energy 21
English International Association of Lund (Sweden)
Equilibre
Europe Migrants Associations Council

International Commission of Health Professionals for Health and Human Rights

Sto. Nino Organic Farmers
 Teenage Mother Civil Association
 Treaty Four
 Universal Federation of Travel Agents Associations
 Wellstart International
 Women Action Research and Training Group
 Women and Child Development Association
 Women in Law and Development in Africa
 Women's Political Network of Pennsylvania
 World Africa Chamber of Commerce
 World Assembly of Youth
 World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations
 World Management Council

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Dates of and provisional agenda for the 2010 session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

At its 37th plenary meeting, on 27 July 2009, the Economic and Social Council:

(a) Decided that the 2010 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations would be held from 25 January to 3 February 2010 and its resumed 2010 session should be held from 26 May to 4 June 2010;

(b) Approved the provisional agenda for the 2010 session of the Committee as set out below:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations:
 - (a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee;
 - (b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification;
 - (c) Applications of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that have merged with non-governmental organizations without such consultative status.
4. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council:

- (a) Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council;
 - (b) Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council.
- 5. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch²⁵ of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat.
- 6. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304:
 - (a) Process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations;
 - (b) Consideration of issues on the agenda of the informal working group;

for Asia and the Pacific to accept the invitation of the Government of the Republic of Korea to host the sixty-sixth session of the Commission, expressed its gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Korea for its generous offer, and approved the holding of the sixty-sixth session of the Commission in Incheon, Republic of Korea, in 2010.

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Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-third session and provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-fourth session of the Commission

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 28 July 2009, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-third session and approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-fourth session of the Commission set out below:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda and proposed organization of work of the Commission on the Status of Women

Report of the Secretary-General on the release of women and children taken hostage, including those subsequently imprisoned, in armed conflicts

Report of the Secretary-General on ending female genital mutilation

Report of the Secretary-General on the joint workplan of the Division for the Advancement of Women and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations Development Fund for Women on the activities of the Fund to eliminate violence against women

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the outcome of the forty-fifth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

Note by the Secretariat on the strategic framework for the biennium 2012-2013, subprogramme 2: Gender issues and advancement of women

4. Communications concerning the status of women.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the list of confidential communications concerning the status of women

5. Follow-up to Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions.

Documentation

Letter from the President of the Economic and Social Council to the Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women

Note by the Secretariat as input to the high-level segment of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council of 2010

6. Provisional agenda for the fifty-fifth session of the Commission.

7. Adopt(f)2(ti0 Tc 2(ti0 Tch)-su-6(ps)-6(Eco[()17.058 -1.198 Td[e/mding (e)7tfi)-7(ft d)-6io)-6(ns)-6

or to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly to attend the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women and, in this context, requested that the list of those non-governmental organizations to be invited be circulated to Member States by the end of August 2009;

4. A 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production patterns.
5. Provisional agenda for the nineteenth session of the Commission.
6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its eighteenth session.

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- (c) Social statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

- (d) Statistics on drugs and drug use and crime statistics;

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

- (e) Washington Group on Disability Measurement;

Documentation

Report of the Washington Group

- (f) Migration statistics;

Documentation

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- (g) Culture statistics;

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

- (h) Gender statistics;

Documentation

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5. Economic statistics:

- (a) National accounts;

Documentation

Report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts

- (b) Agricultural statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Friends of the Chair on agricultural statistics

Report of the Wye Group on statistics on rural development and agriculture household income

- (c) Industrial statistics;

Documentation

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(d) International merchandise trade statistics;

Documentation

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(e) Statistics of international trade in services;

Documentation

Report of the Task Force on Statistics of International Trade in Services

(f) Statistics of services;

Documentation

Report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Services Statistics

Report of the Voorburg Group on Service Statistics

(g) Tourism statistics;

Documentation

Report of the World Tourism Organization

(h) Finance statistics;

Documentation

Report of the International Monetary Fund

(i) International Comparison Programme;

Documentation

Report of the World Bank

(j) Ottawa Group on Price Indexes;

Documentation

Report of the Ottawa Group

(k) Delhi Group on Informal Sector Statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Delhi Group

(l) Integrated economic statistics;

Documentation

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(m) Information and communication technologies statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Partnership on Measuring Information and Communication Technologies for Development

6. Natural resources and environment statistics:

- (a) Environmental statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Environment Statistics

- (b) Environmental accounting;

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting

Report of the London Group on Environmental Accounting

- (c) Climate change statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

7. Activities not classified by field:

- (a) World Statistics Day;

Documentation

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- (b) Coordination and integration of statistical programmes;

Documentation

Report of the Committee on the Coordination of Statistical Activities

- (c) International economic and social classifications;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

- (d) Development indicators;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

- (e) Follow-up to Economic and Social Council policy decisions;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

- (f) Regional statistical development;

Documentation

Report of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

8. Programme questions (United Nations Statistics Division).
9. Provisional agenda and dates for the forty-second session of the Commission.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat containing the draft provisional agenda for the forty-second session of the Commission

Note by the Secretariat on the draft multi-year programme of work of the Commission

10. Report of the Commission on its forty-first session.

2009/238**Human settlements**

At its 42nd plenary meeting, on 29 July 2009, the Economic and Social Council, recalling its relevant resolutions on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda,³⁴ and having considered the recommendations of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, including the recommendation contained in resolution 22/9 of the Programme³⁵ addressed to the Council:

- (a) Took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda;³⁶
- (b) Decided to transmit the report to the General Assembly for consideration

(a) Took note of the report of the Commission on Population and Development on its forty-second session;³⁷

(b) Approved the provisional agenda for the forty-third session of the Commission as set out below:

1. Election of officers.³⁸
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

Documentation

Provisional agenda for the forty-third session of the Commission

Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the work of the session

Report of the Bureau of the Commission on its intersessional meetings

3. Follow-up actions to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on health, morbidity, mortality and development

Report of the Secretary-General on the monitoring of population programmes, focusing on health, morbidity, mortality and development

Report of the Secretary-General on the flow of financial resources for assisting in the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

4. General debate on health, morbidity, mortality and development.
5. Programme implementation and future programme of work of the Secretariat in the field of population.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on programme implementation and progress of work in the field of population, 2009

6. General debate on the contribution of population and development issues to the theme of the annual ministerial review in 2010.
7. Provisional agenda for the forty-fourth session of the Commission.

³⁷ *Economic and Social Council, Official Records, 2009, Supplement No. 5*

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat containing the draft provisional agenda for the forty-fourth session of the Commission

8. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-third session.

2009/240**Continued consideration by the United Nations Forum on Forests of means of implementation**

At its 42nd plenary meeting, on 29 July 2009, the Economic and Social Council, recalling decision 8/2 of the United Nations Forum on Forests,³⁹ by which the Forum decided to complete the consideration at its ninth session of agenda item 6, based on the bracketed draft text developed in informal consultations during its eighth session,

Provisional agenda for the ninth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

Documentation

Provisional agenda and annotations

3. Assessment of progress made on the implementation of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests and towards the achievement of the four global objectives on forests.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

4. Regional and subregional inputs.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

5. Forests for people, livelihoods and poverty eradication:
 - (a) Community-based forest management;

Documentation

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- (b) Social development and indigenous and other local and forest-dependent communities, including forest land tenure;

Documentation

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- (c) Social and cultural aspects.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

6. International Year of Forests 2011.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

Note on the Collaborative Partnership on Forests

9. Multi-stakeholder dialogue.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat transmitting discussion papers of major groups

10. Enhanced cooperation and policy and programme coordination, including the provision of further guidance to

(c) Report of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names on the work of its twenty-fifth session, Nairobi, 5-12 May 2009.⁴⁴

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Report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-seventh session and provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-eighth session

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 30 July 2009, the Economic and Social Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-seventh session;⁴⁵

(b) Approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-eighth session of the Commission as set out below:

Provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-eighth session of the Commission for Social Development

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly:

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development

Report of the Secretary-General on promoting full employment and decent work for all: linkages between full employment and decent work for all and social integration

(a) Priority theme: Social integration;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on promoting social integration

- (b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups:
- (i) World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons;
 - (ii) World Programme of Action for Youth;
 - (iii) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002;
 - (iv) Family issues, policies and programmes;

⁴⁴ E/2009/58.

⁴⁵ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2009, Supplement No. 6 (E/2009/26)*.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on disability of the Commission for Social Development

Report of the Secretary-General on mainstreaming disability in the development agenda

Report of the Secretary-General on the first review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

(c) Emerging issues.

4. Programme questions and other matters.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2012-2013, subprogramme 3, Social policy and development, of programme 7, Economic and social affairs

5. Provisional agenda for the forty-ninth session of the Commission.
6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-eighth session.

2009/245**Nomination of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development**

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 30 July 2009, the Economic and Social Council, pursuant to Commission for Social Development decision 47/101, confirmed the nomination of the following five candidates for membership in the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development:

- (a) Christian **Comeliau** (France), for a two-year term beginning on 1 July 2009 and expiring on 30 June 2011;
- (b) Bina **Agarwal** (India), Yesim **Arat** (Turkey), Evelina **Dagnino** (Brazil) and Julia **Szalai** (Hungary), for a term beginning on the date of confirmation by the Council and expiring on 30 June 2013.

2009/246**Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its eighteenth session and provisional agenda and documentation for its nineteenth session**

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 30 July 2009, the Economic and Social Council:

- (a) Took note of the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its eighteenth session;⁴⁶

⁴⁶ Ibid., Supplement No. 10 (E/2009/30).

(b) Decided that the prominent theme for the nineteenth session of the Commission would be “Protection against illicit trafficking in cultural property”;

(c) Decided also that the prominent theme for the twentieth session of the Commission will be “Protecting children in a digital age: the misuse of technology in the abuse and exploitation of children”, unless the Commission decides otherwise at its reconvened eighteenth session, taking into account that Member States may submit other proposals for the thematic discussion;

(d) Took note of the proposal to have “New and emerging forms of transnational organized crime, including environmental crime” as the prominent theme for the twenty-first session of the Commission;

(e) Strongly urged Member States to submit draft resolutions one month prior to the opening of each session of the Commission, and reiterated its call that draft resolutions be accompanied by such information as the intended scope, a proposed timetable for implementation, identification of resources available and other relevant information, in accordance with the annex to Commission resolution 4/3;

(f) Approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the nineteenth session of the Commission set out below, as well as a five-day duration for the nineteenth session, on an exceptional and non-precedential basis.

Provisional agenda and documentation for the nineteenth session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

Documentation

Provisional agenda and annotations

3. Thematic discussion on protection against illicit trafficking in cultural property.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on protection against trafficking in cultural property

Note by the Secretariat (*as required*)

4. Integration and coordination of efforts by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and by Member States in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice:
 - (a) Ratification and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto;
 - (b) Ratification and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption;
 - (c) Ratification and implementation of the international instruments to prevent and combat terrorism;

- (d) Other crime prevention and criminal justice matters;

- (b) Directives on policy and budgetary issues for the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director on the activities of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Reports of the Executive Director (*as required*)

Notes by the Secretariat (*as required*)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Board of Trustees

Documentation

Reports of the Secretariat (*as necessary*)

9. Implementation of the international drug control treaties:
 - (a) Changes in the scope of control of substances;
 - (b) International Narcotics Control Board;
 - (c) International cooperation to ensure the availability of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances for medical and scientific purposes;
 - (d) Other matters arising from the international drug control treaties.

Documentation

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2009

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2009 on the implementation of article 12 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1998

Notes by the Secretariat (*as necessary*)

Operational segment

10. Policy directives to the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and strengthening the drug programme and the role of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs as its governing body, including administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions:
 - (a) Work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and policy directives;
 - (b) Role of the Commission as the governing body of the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;
 - (i) Strengthening the drug programme of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;
 - (ii) Administrative, budgetary and strategic management questions.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Director

Notes by the Secretariat (*as necessary*)

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11. Provisional agenda for the fifty-fourth session of the Commission.
12. Other business.
13. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-third session.

(b) That, starting in 2010, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice will hold reconvened sessions on an annual basis in the second half of the year;

(c) That the annual reconvened sessions of the Commission on Narcotic

2009/254**Dates of the ninth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues**

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 30 July 2009, the Economic and Social Council decided that the ninth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues should be held from 19 to 30 April 2010.

2009/255**Provisional agenda for the ninth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues**

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 30 July 2009, the Economic and Social Council approved the provisional agenda for the ninth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues set out below:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Discussion on the special theme for the year, “Indigenous peoples: development with culture and identity — articles 3 and 32 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples”.
4. Human rights:
 - (a) Implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;
 - (b) Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people and other special rapporteurs.
5. Half-day discussion on North America.
6. Comprehensive dialogue with six United Nations agencies and funds.
7. Future work of the Permanent Forum, including issues of the Economic

(a) Report of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on the work of its sixth session;⁵⁴

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the future operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women;⁵⁵

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth: progress and constraints with respect to the well-being of youth and their role in civil society;⁵⁶

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**Follow-up to paragraph 56 of the outcome of the Conference
on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact
on Development**

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 31 July 2009, the Economic and Social Council, mindful of paragraph 56 of the outcome of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development:⁶³

(a) Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 61/16;⁶⁴

(b) Summary by the President of the Economic and Social Council of the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.⁶⁵

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Documentation considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with coordination, programme and other questions

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 31 July 2009, the Economic and Social Council decided to take note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the Junior Professional Officer/Associate Expert/Associate Professional Officer Programmes in United Nations system organizations.⁶⁶

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Documentation considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 31 July 2009, the Economic and Social Council decided to take note of the report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people.⁶⁷

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Documentation considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with regional cooperation

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 31 July 2009, the Economic and Social Council decided to take note of the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields;⁶⁸

⁶⁴ A/64/87-E/2009/89.

⁶⁵ A/64/76-E/2009/60.

⁶⁶ A/64/82-E/2009/82.

⁶⁷ A/64/78-E/2009/66.

⁶⁸ E/2009/15 and Add.1.

(b) The economic situation in 2008-2009 in the Economic Commission for Europe region: Europe, North America and the Commonwealth of Independent States;⁶⁹

(c) Overview of the economic and social conditions in Africa, 2009;⁷⁰

(d) Summary of the economic and social survey of Asia and the Pacific, 2009;⁷¹

(e) Latin America and the Caribbean: economic situation and outlook, 2008-2009;⁷²

(f) Summary of the survey of economic and social developments in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia region, 2008-2009.⁷³

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Documentation considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 31 July 2009, the Economic and Social Council decided to take note of the note by the Secretary-General on the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan.

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Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 31 July 2009, the Economic and Social Council:

Took note of the report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its fourth session,⁷⁷ decided that the fifth session of the Committee should be convened in Geneva from 19 to 23 October 2009, and approved the provisional agenda for the fifth session of the Committee as contained in its report on its fourth session.⁷⁸

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Documentation considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the United Nations research and training institutes

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 31 July 2009, the Economic and Social Council decided to take note of the report of the Council of the United Nations University on the work of the University.⁷⁹

⁷⁷ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2008, Supplement No. 25 of n c*