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[S/2015/793] to the Secretary-General, Spain transmitted a concept note for the open debate of the Council on implementation of the measures set out in the 26

## **Economic and Social Council**

### **Council sessions and meetings**

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 68/1 [YUN 2013, p. 1413], the programme of work of the Economic and Social Council was adjusted to a July-to-July cycle [YUN 2014, p. 1603]. The Council convened its 2015 session from 21 July 2014 to 23 July 2015

intergovernmental bodies on social, economic and related matters, held two regular sessions in 2015: the first in Paris (29–30 April) [CEB/2015/1] and the second in New York (18–19 November) [CEB/2015/2]. Its principal subsidiary bodies met as follows: the High-level Committee on Management held its twenty-ninth (Paris, 19–20 March) [CEB/2015/3] and thirtieth (London, 5–6 October) [CEB/2015/5] sessions; and the High-level Committee on Programmes held its twenty-ninth (Geneva, 11–12 March) [CEB/2015/4] and thirtieth (New York, 12–13 October) [CEB/2015/6] sessions.

In its annual overview report for 2015 [E/2016/56], highlighted its activities in fostering a coherent approach on policy, operations and management to enhance UN system-wide coordination in support of intergovernmental mandates. It also reviewed efforts to enhance coherence and coordination on system-wide preparation and follow-up to UN conferences and summits. CEB continued its efforts to accelerate the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals, support the transition to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (see p.







### **Latin American and Caribbean Economic System**

As noted by the Secretary-General in his consolidated report (see p. 000), UN system-wide cooperation with the Latin American and Caribbean Economic System continued in the area of trade facilitation.

### **League of Arab States**

As noted by the Secretary-General in his consolidated report (see p. 000), UN system-wide cooperation with the League of Arab States ( ) continued in areas including conflict prevention, mediation, elections, women, peace and security issues, international law, human rights, emergency preparedness and response, humanitarian coordination, refugees and irregular migration, sustainable development, impact of climate change, socioeconomic vulnerability, family health and human trafficking.

By a 15 September note verbale [S/2015/721] to the Security Council President, the Permanent Observer transmitted the resolutions adopted by the 144th Ministerial Meeting of the Council (Cairo, 13–14 September).

### **Organization for Democracy and Economic Development (GUAM)**

As noted by the Secretary-General in his consolidated report (see p. 000), UN system-wide cooperation with the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development— continued in areas such as data exchange and customs.

#### **GENERAL ASSEMBLY ACTION**

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in the field of humanitarian response. Also annexed to the report was a draft resolution (see below).

The Sixth Committee on 29 October [A/70/533] recommended adopting the draft resolution.

#### GENERAL ASSEMBLY ACTION

On 14 December [meeting 75], the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee [A/70/533], adopted **70/122** ( *Annex to the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization, 2015* ) without vote [agenda item 171].

#### *Indian Ocean Rim Association*

By a 6 August letter [A/70/192], Australia requested the inclusion in the provisional agenda of the seventi-

(26 January–4 February and 6 and 13 February)  
[E/2015/32 (Part I)] and its resumed session (26 May–3 June  
and 12 June)

status of 85 States that had failed to submit outstanding quadrennial reports after suspension (E/CN.4/2015/228). It also granted special consultative status to the Freedom Now (E/CN.4/2015/222) and withdrew the consultative status of two States: the African Technical Association (E/CN.4/2015/224) and the African Technology Development Link (E/CN.4/2015/225).

The Council decided that the Committee's 2016 (E/CN.4/2016/1) report (E/CN.4/2016/1) should be adopted as a resolution (E/CN.4/2016/1) and that the Committee's 2016 report (E/CN.4/2016/2) should be adopted as a resolution (E/CN.4/2016/2).