

## 1996/258. The right to development

At its 46th plenary meeting, on 23 July 1996, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1996/15 of 11 April 1996,<sup>61</sup> decided:

(a) To consider, in the ongoing discussions on its reform, how best to promote system-wide action to promote and protect the right to development, for example including it for its consideration and conveying its conclusions to relevant international bodies, including the Bretton Woods institutions;

(b) To deepen the review of all issues relevant to the implementation of the right to development, including the promotion of a favourable international and national economic environment.

The Council endorsed the Commission's decision to establish an intergovernmental group of experts with a mandate to elaborate a strategy for the implementation and promotion of the right to development, as set forth in the Declaration on the Right to Development,<sup>185</sup> in its integrated and multidimensional aspects, bearing in mind the conclusions of the Working Group on the Right to Development, established by the Commission on Human Rights in resolution 1993/22 of 4 March 1993,<sup>186</sup> and the conclusions of the World Conference on Human Rights<sup>187</sup> and the United Nations

Conference on Environment and Development,<sup>188</sup> the International Conference on Population and Development,<sup>189</sup> the World Summit for Social Development<sup>190</sup> and the Fourth World Conference on Women.<sup>191</sup>

The Council approved the Commission's decision that:

(a) The working group should be established for a two-year period;

(b) The working group should elaborate concrete and practical measures for the implementation and promotion of the right to development and submit a progress report to the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-third session; the working group should focus on the development of such a strategy, which should include recommendations on further practical measures for implementation and promotion, and report to the Commission at its fifty-fourth session;

(c) The members of the working group should be appointed on the basis of equitable geographical representation, in consultation with the regional groups, and on the basis of their competence and acquired experience in this field; and should be urged to accomplish their mandate;

(d) The working group should be composed of ten experts, nominated by Governments and appointed by the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights;

(e) The working group experts should consult with the treaty bodies and with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on all issues relevant to the implementation of the right to development.

<sup>185</sup> General Assembly resolution 41/128, annex.

<sup>186</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 3 (E/1993/23)*, chap. II, sect. A.

<sup>187</sup> See A/CONF.157/24 (Part I).

<sup>188</sup> See *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 3-14 June 1992* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigenda).

<sup>189</sup> See *Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18).

<sup>190</sup> See *Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.8).

<sup>191</sup> See *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13).