

1997/298. Participation of non-governmental organizations accredited to the Fourth World Conference on Women in the work of the Commission on the Status of Women at its forty-second session, non-governmental organizations accredited to the World Summit for Social Development in the work of the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-sixth session, and non-governmental organizations accredited to the International Conference on Population and Development in the work of the Commission on Population and Development at its thirty-first session

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 23 July 1997, the Economic and Social Council decided:

(a) As an interim measure and in conformity with the provisions of paragraph 53 of its resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996:

- (i) To invite those non-governmental organizations that were accredited to the Fourth World Conference on Women or the World Summit for Social Development to attend the forty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women or the thirty-sixth session of the Commission for Social Development, provided that they have started the process of applying for consultative status in accordance with Council decision 1996/315 of 14 November 1996;
- (ii) Also to invite non-governmental organizations that were accredited to the International Conference on Population and Development to attend the thirty-first session of the Commission on Population and Development, provided that they have applied for consultative status;

(b) To request the Secretary-General to draw the attention of the non-governmental organizations accredited to the Fourth World Conference on Women, the World Summit for Social Development or the International Conference on Population and Development to the provisions of the present decision and to the process established under Council resolution 1996/31.