

**1997/316. Programme of work of the Commission on Sustainable Development for the period 1998–2002 and future methods of work of the Commission**

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 8 October 1997, the Economic and Social Council, reaffirming the provisions of its resolution 1997/63 of 25 July 1997:

(a) Authorized the Commission on Sustainable Development to convene an organizational meeting in 1997 for the sole purpose of electing the new chairman and other members of the bureau of its sixth session, in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council; the terms of office of the new bureau will begin immediately upon election and will end at the conclusion of the sixth session of the Commission, in 1998;

(b) Decided to extend the terms of office of those members of the Commission whose terms were to expire on 31 December 1997 until the conclusion of the sixth session of the Commission.