1998/205. **Humanitarian affairs segment**

At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 6 February 1998, the Economic and Social Council, recalling General Assembly resolution 52/12 B of 19 December 1997, decided:

(a) That the humanitarian affairs segment, established in accordance with Assembly resolution 52/12 B, should be held for a period of two days during the substantive session of 1998 of the Council, without setting a precedent for future arrangements for the segment;

(b) That practical arrangements for the segment, as requested by the Assembly in its resolution 52/12 B, should be the subject of consideration by the Council and should be part of the review of its organization and methods of work, taking into account the experience gained at its 1998 substantive session and the impact that holding the segment during the substantive session would have on the effectiveness of the work of the session as a whole.

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