

1998/208. Provisional agenda for the substantive session of 1998 of the Economic and Social Council

At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 6 February 1998, the Economic and Social Council, having considered the proposed basic programme of work for 1998 and 1999,³ approved the following provisional agenda for its substantive session of 1998:

1. *Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters*

High-level segment

2. *Market access: developments since the Uruguay Round, implications, opportunities and challenges, in particular for the developing countries and the least developed among them, in the context of globalization and liberalization*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Council decision 1997/319)

World Economic and Social Survey, 1998

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment

3. *Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation:*

- (a) *Advancement of women: implementation of the Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women and the role of operational activities in promoting, in particular,*

capacity-building and resource mobilization for enhancing the participation of women in development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Council decision 1997/319)

Documentation for information

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the revised system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women, 1996–2001 (Council resolution 1996/34) (see also item 14 (a))

- (b) *Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the triennial policy review of operational activities for development undertaken by the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions 50/120, 52/203 and 52/205 and Council resolutions 1996/42 and 1997/59)⁴

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the draft revised Guidelines for the Review of Policies and Procedures concerning Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (Assembly resolution 52/205)

- (c) *Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme*

Documentation

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund (Assembly resolution 48/162, annex I, and Council resolution 1997/59)

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (Assembly resolution 48/162, annex I, and Council resolution 1997/59)

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme (Assembly resolution 50/8 and Council resolution 1997/59)

Question to be addressed

Composition of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme (Assembly resolution 50/8)

³ E/1998/1.

⁴ To be submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.

Coordination segment

4. *Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following theme: coordinated follow-up to and implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Council decision 1997/319)

Documentation for information

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its fifty-fourth session (Assembly resolutions 52/97 and 52/98) (see also item 14 (g))

Questions to be addressed

Protection and promotion of the rights and welfare of women migrant workers (Assembly resolution 52/97)

Trafficking in women and girls (Assembly resolution 52/98)

Right to development (Assembly resolution 52/136)

Humanitarian affairs segment

5. *Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the coordination of humanitarian emergency assistance of the United Nations (Assembly resolution 46/182, annex, and Council decision 1997/218)⁴

Oral report on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda (Council resolution 1983/46)

General segment

6. *Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on ways to enhance the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits (Council resolution 1997/61)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the agreed conclusions of the 1997 coordination segment of the Council on mainstreaming the gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system (Assembly resolution 45/264)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the agreed conclusions of the 1997 coordination segment of the Council on freshwater, including clean

and safe water supply and sanitation (Assembly resolution 45/264)

7. *Coordination, programme and other questions:*

- (a) *Reports of coordination bodies*

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its thirty-eighth session

Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 1997

- (b) *Malaria and diarrhoeal diseases, in particular cholera*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization (Council resolution 1995/63)

- (c) *Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1998–2001*

Documentation

Relevant chapters of the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1998–2001

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its thirty-eighth session

- (d) *International cooperation in the field of informatics*

Report of the Secretary-General (Council resolution 1997/1)

- (e) *Proclamation of an international year of mountains*

Report of the Secretary-General (Council resolution 1997/45)

- (f) *International Year for the Culture of Peace, 2000*

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Council resolution 1997/47)

8. *Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Council decision 1997/322)

Question to be addressed

Review of the mandates, composition, functions and working methods of the Council's functional commissions and expert groups and bodies (Assembly resolution 52/12 B)

Report of the Secretary-General on review and reform of the regional commissions (Assembly resolution 52/12 B and Council decision 1998/201) (see also item 10)

9. *Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations*
- Documentation*
- Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (Council resolution 2100 (LXIII) and Assembly resolution 52/170)⁴
- Report of the President of the Council on consultations held with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (Council resolution 1997/66)
- Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (Council resolution 1997/66 and Assembly resolution 52/73)
10. *Regional cooperation*
- Documentation*
- Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (Council decisions 1979/1 and 1998/201)
- Summary of the economic survey of Europe, 1997
- Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Africa, 1997
- Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Asia and the Pacific, 1998
- Summary of the economic survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1997
- Summary of economic and social developments in the region of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, 1997
11. *Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan*
- Documentation*
- Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 1997/67 and Assembly resolution 52/207⁴
12. *Non-governmental organizations*
- Documentation*
- Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and decisions 1995/304 and 1997/296)
- Question to be addressed*
- Enlargement of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (Council resolution 1997/57)
13. *Economic and environmental questions*
- Documentation*
- Relevant sections of the document prepared by the Secretariat containing a consolidation of conclusions and recommendations of subsidiary bodies (Assembly resolution 50/227, annex I, para. 68)
- (a) *Sustainable development*
- Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its sixth session (Council decision 1993/207 and resolution 1997/63)
- Question to be addressed*
- Guidelines for sustainable consumption patterns (Council resolution 1997/53)
- Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 1997/53 on consumer protection
- Report of the Committee for Development Planning on its thirty-second session (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1625 (LI))
- Report of the Secretary-General on a vulnerability index for small island developing States (Assembly resolution 51/183)⁴
- Report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment (Assembly resolution 39/229)⁴
- (b) *Natural resources*
- Report of the Committee on Natural Resources on its fourth session (Council decisions 1992/218 and 1993/302)
- (c) *Energy*
- Report of the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development on its third session (Council decision 1992/218)
- (d) *International cooperation in tax matters*
- Report of the Secretary-General on the progress of the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters (Council resolutions 1273 (XLIII) and 1765 (LIV))
- (e) *Public administration and finance*
- Report of the Secretary-General (Assembly resolution 50/225)⁴
- Report of the Secretary-General on the fourteenth Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance

(Council resolution 1199 (XLII) and decision 1997/222)

(f) *Cartography*

Report of the Secretary-General on the Seventh United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names (Council decision 1997/213)

(g) *Population and development*

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its thirty-first session (Council decision 1997/220)

14. *Social and human rights questions*

Documentation

Relevant sections of the document prepared by the Secretariat containing a consolidation of conclusions and recommendations of subsidiary bodies (Assembly resolution 50/227, annex I, para. 68)

(a) *Advancement of women*

Documentation

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women)⁴

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-second session (Council resolutions 11 (II) and 1147 (XLI) and decision 1997/229)

Question to be addressed

High-level plenary review to appraise and assess the progress achieved in the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women and the Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the revised system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women, 1996–2001 (Council resolution 1996/34)

Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Council resolution 1998 (LX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action (Assembly resolutions 50/203 and 52/100)⁴

(b) *Social development*

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-sixth session (Council resolutions 10 (II) and 1996/7 and decision 1997/230)

Question to be addressed

Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly in 2000 for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development (Assembly resolution 52/25)

(c) *Crime prevention and criminal justice*

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its seventh session (Council resolution 1992/1 and decision 1997/232)

Questions to be addressed

Final recommendations of the Commission on the programme for the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (Assembly resolution 52/91)

Follow-up to the Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime (Assembly resolution 52/85)

(d) *Narcotic drugs*

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its forty-first session (Council resolution 9 (I) and decision 1997/233)

Summary of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board (article 15 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961; article 18 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971; and article 23 of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances)

Report of the Secretary-General on the biennial update of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (Assembly resolution 48/112, sect. IV)⁴

(e) *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*

Documentation

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees⁴

Oral report on the situation of refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (Assembly resolution 52/101)

(f) *Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Assembly resolutions 49/146 and 52/111)

(g) *Human rights*

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its fifty-fourth session (Council resolutions 5 (I) and 9 (II) and Assembly resolutions 52/97 and 52/98)

Questions to be addressed

Protection and promotion of the rights and welfare of women migrant workers (Assembly resolution 52/97)

Trafficking in women and girls (Assembly resolution 52/98)

Right to development (Assembly resolution 52/136)

Report of the Human Rights Committee (article 45 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights)⁴

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolutions 1988 (LX) and 1985/17)

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (Assembly resolution 44/25, annex)⁴

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action (Assembly resolution 48/121) (see also item 4)⁴

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (Assembly resolution 48/141)⁴

Documentation for information

Reports submitted by States parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and by the specialized agencies