Consumer protection guidelines for sustainable consumption

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 23 July 1998, the Economic and Social Council, recalling its resolution 1997/53 of 23 July 1997 on consumer protection:

(a) Noted with appreciation the organization of the Interregional Expert Group Meeting on Consumer Protection and Sustainable Consumption, held at São Paulo, Brazil, and the specific recommendations of that meeting on new guidelines, as requested in Council resolution 1997/53;

(b) Took note of the report of the Secretary-General;

(c) Invited Governments to undertake national consultations, with appropriate stakeholder groups, including consumer organizations and representatives of business, trade unions and non-governmental organizations, on guidelines for sustainable consumption, and to submit their views on the proposed new guidelines to the Secretariat so that they can be made available to all Governments;

(d) Invited the Bureau of the Commission on Sustainable Development to organize, within existing resources, open-ended consultations among States, and to report thereon to the Inter-sessional Ad Hoc Working Group for its consideration, having regard to the report of the Secretary-General;

(e) Requested the Commission to report to the Council at its substantive session of 1999 on guidelines for sustainable consumption.

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