

1998/215. 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 recommendations²⁴ of that meeting on new guidelines, as requested in Council resolution 1997/53;

(b) Took note of the report of the Secretary-General;²⁵

(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;²⁵

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

²⁴ See E/CN.17/1998/5, annex.

²⁵ E/CN.17/1998/5.

²⁶ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1998, Supplement No. 9 (E/1998/29)*.