At its 40th plenary meeting, on 23 July 1998, the Economic and Social Council:

(a) Authorized the Commission on Sustainable Development to convene an organizational meeting in 1998 for the sole purpose of holding elections to fill the two remaining posts of Vice-Chairmen of the Bureau of its seventh session, in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council. The terms of office of the two Vice-Chairmen would begin immediately upon election and would end at the conclusion of the seventh session of the Commission, in 1999;

(b) Decided that in that context the provisions of subparagraph (d) of its decision 1993/207 of 12 February 1993 did not apply.