At its 45th plenary meeting, on 29 July 1998, the Economic and Social Council, while not opposed to the enlargement of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, and recalling its resolution 1997/57 of 23 July 1997, decided not to pursue consideration of this question until the year 2000, given that the Committee was in a period of transition following the adoption of Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996, that it was in the process of reviewing its methods of work and that the Secretariat was working under resource constraints.