

**1998/301. Participation of non-governmental organizations
in the work of the Commission on the Status of
Women**

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 16 December 1998, the Economic and Social Council, having considered General Assembly resolution 53/120 of 9 December 1998, decided:

(a) As an interim measure, and in conformity with the provisions of paragraph 53 of its resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996, to invite those non-governmental organizations that were accredited to the Fourth World Conference on Women to attend the forty-third and forty-fourth sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, including those parts of the sessions in which the Commission would act as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly, to be entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" and to be held in June 2000, provided that they had started the process of applying for consultative status in accordance with Council decisions 1996/315 of 14 November 1996 and 1997/298 of 23 July 1997;

(b) To request the Secretary-General to draw the attention of the non-governmental organizations accredited to the Fourth World Conference on Women to the provisions of the present decision and to the process established under Council resolution 1996/31.