Improvement of the work of the Commission for Social Development

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 13 February 2002, the Economic and Social Council, in order to improve the work of the Commission for Social Development, decided:

(a) That the terms of office of the members of the Commission would be for four regular sessions of the Commission, to begin immediately after the conclusion of work of the Commission's regular session held after the 1 January following their election by the Council, and to end at the conclusion of the regular session held after the 1 January following the election of the States that were to succeed them as members of the Commission, unless they were re-elected;

(b) To extend the terms of office of those members of the Commission whose terms were to expire on 31 December 2002 until the conclusion of the forty-first session of the Commission, of those members whose terms were to expire on 31 December 2003 until the conclusion of the forty-second session of the Commission, and of those members whose terms were to expire on 31 December 2004 until the conclusion of the forty-third session of the Commission;

(c) That the Commission, immediately following the closure of a regular session, would hold the first meeting of its subsequent regular session for the sole purpose of electing the new Chairman and other members of the Bureau, in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council;

(d) That, in that context, the provisions of General Assembly resolution 1798 (XVII) of 11 December 1962 would apply only to the substantive part of the Commission's sessions.