Provisional agenda for the substantive session of 2005 of the Economic and Social Council

At its 2nd plenary meeting on 4 February 2005, the Economic and Social Council, having considered the proposed programme of work for 2005 and 2006, approved the following provisional agenda and documentation for its substantive session of 2005:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on proposed themes for the high-level and coordination segments of the 2006 substantive session of the Council (General Assembly resolution 50/227, annex I)

High-level segment

2. Achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration, as well as implementing the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits: progress made, challenges and opportunities

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the theme (Council decision 2004/294) World Economic and Social Survey, 2005, part one (chap. I)

Relevant part of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its seventh session (Council resolution 2004/66)

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1 E/2005/1, sect. I.
2 In the context of its resolution 1998/46, annex III, and General Assembly resolution 57/270 B, the Council will hold a dialogue with the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions immediately after the high-level segment. An addendum to the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation will be made available to the Council as a background document (Council decision 2004/323).
3. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

(a) Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions 35/81 and 59/250, para. 22)³

Report of the Secretary-General on funding for operational activities for development of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 59/250, para. 24)⁴

Report of the Secretary-General on a programme of work for the full implementation of simplification and harmonization measures (General Assembly resolution 59/250, para. 37)

Report of the Secretary-General on an appropriate management process, containing clear guidelines, targets, benchmarks and time frames for the full implementation of the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 59/250, para. 101)


Documentation

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund on its second regular session of 2004 and on its first regular session and annual session of 2005 (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51)


Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children’s Fund on its second regular session of 2004 and on its first regular session and annual session of 2005 (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children’s Fund (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51)

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³ Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.
⁴ Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.
Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its 2004 sessions (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (General Assembly resolutions 50/8 and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51)

(c) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Documentation

Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 33/134)\(^5\)

Coordination segment

4. Towards achieving internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the theme (Council decision 2004/292)

Humanitarian affairs segment

5. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in strengthening the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (General Assembly resolution 59/141 and Council resolution 2004/50)\(^6\)

General segment

6. Implementation of and follow-up to major international United Nations conferences and summits

Documentation

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits in the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B and 57/270 B (Council resolution 2004/44) (see also item 8)

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\(^5\) Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.

\(^6\) Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.
(a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

Documentation
Summary by the President of the Council of the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization (General Assembly resolution 58/230 and Council resolution 2004/64)

(b) Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

Documentation
Annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (General Assembly resolution 59/244 and Council resolution 2004/65)

7. Coordination, programme and other questions

(a) Reports of coordination bodies

Documentation
Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-fifth session
Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2004

(b) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007

Documentation
Relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 (Council resolution 1988/77 and General Assembly resolution 58/269)
Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-fifth session

(c) International cooperation in the field of informatics

Documentation
Report of the Secretary-General on the action taken to follow up on the need to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States, including the findings of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics and an assessment of its work and mandate (Council resolution 2004/51)

(d) Long-term programme of support for Haiti

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7 Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.
(e) **Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system**

**Documentation**

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, including progress in the area of gender mainstreaming (Assembly resolution 59/168 and Council resolution 2004/4) (also under item 14 (a))

(f) **Information and Communication Technologies Task Force**

**Documentation**

Annual report of the Secretary-General on the Information and Communication Technologies Task Force (Council decisions 2001/210 and 2004/296)

(g) **Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS**

**Documentation**

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (Council resolution 2003/18)

8. **Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B and 57/270 B**

**Documentation**

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits in the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B and 57/270 B (Council resolution 2004/44) (see also item 6)

9. **Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations**

**Documentation**

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (General Assembly resolution 59/56 and Council resolution 2100 (LXIII))

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8 Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.

9 Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.
Report of the President of the Council on consultations held with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (Council resolution 2004/53)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the Council (Council resolution 2004/53)

10. **Regional cooperation**

**Documentation**

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (Council decision 1979/1)

Summary of the economic survey of Europe, 2004

Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Africa, 2004

Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Asia and the Pacific, 2005

Summary of the economic survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 2004

Summary of economic and social developments in the region of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, 2004-2005

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe on the Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar (Council resolution 2003/52)

11. **Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan**

**Documentation**

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 2004/54

12. **Non-governmental organizations**

**Documentation**

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and Council decision 1995/304)

13. **Economic and environmental questions**

**Documentation**

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10 Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.
Consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the work of the functional commissions of the Council in 2005 (Council agreed conclusions 2002/1 and resolution 2004/63) (see also under item 14)

(a) **Sustainable development**

**Documentation**

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its thirteenth session (Council decision 1993/207)

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its seventh session (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX), 1625 (LI) and 2000/34)

Report of the Secretary-General on system-wide inter-agency cooperation and coordination for the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (General Assembly resolution 59/227)\(^\text{11}\)

(b) **Science and technology for development**

**Documentation**

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its eighth session (General Assembly resolution 46/235, annex)

(c) **Statistics**

**Documentation**

Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-sixth session (Council resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II) and 1566 (L) and Council decision 2004/236)

(d) **Human settlements**\(^\text{12}\)

**Documentation**

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme on its twentieth session (General Assembly resolution 56/206)\(^\text{13}\)

(e) **Environment**

**Documentation**

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-third session (General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII) and 53/242)\(^\text{14}\)

(f) **Population and development**

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\(^{11}\) Submitted to the Council through the Commission on Sustainable Development.

\(^{12}\) The report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda (Council decision 2004/300) will be submitted only to the General Assembly, at its sixtieth session (Assembly resolution 59/239).

\(^{13}\) Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.

\(^{14}\) Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.
Documentation
Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its thirty-eighth session (General Assembly resolution 48/128 and Council decision 2004/237)

(g) Public administration and development

Documentation

(h) International cooperation in tax matters

Documentation

(i) United Nations Forum on Forests

Documentation

(j) Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

Documentation
Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions, together with relevant background materials (General Assembly resolution 59/45)

Note by the Secretary-General on assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

(k) Cartography

Documentation
Report of the Secretary-General on the Eighth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas (Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV))

(l) Women and development

Documentation
Relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-ninth session (General Assembly resolution 42/178 and Council resolution 1987/24)
(m) Transport of dangerous goods

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (Council resolution 2003/64)

14. Social and human rights questions

Documentation

Consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the work of the functional commissions of the Council in 2005 (Council agreed conclusions 2002/1 and Council resolution 2004/63) (also under item 13)

(a) Advancement of women

Documentation

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-ninth session (Council resolutions 11 (II) and 1147 (XLI) and Council decision 2004/239)

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, including progress in the area of gender mainstreaming (General Assembly resolution 59/168 and Council resolution 2004/4) (also under item 7 (e))\(^{15}\)

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women)\(^{16}\)

Report of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Council resolutions 1998 (LX) and 2003/57)

Report of the Director of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on the revitalization and strengthening of the Institute (Council resolutions 1998 (LX) and 2003/57)

(b) Social development

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-third session (Council resolution 10 (III) and Council decision 2004/241)

(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

\(^{15}\) Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.

\(^{16}\) Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.

Report of the Secretary-General on capital punishment and implementation of the safeguards guaranteeing protection of the rights of those facing the death penalty (Council resolution 1745 (LIV) and Council decision 2004/242)\(^{17}\)

(d) Narcotic drugs

**Documentation**

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its forty-eighth session (Council resolution 9 (I) and Council decision 2004/244)


(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Oral report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (General Assembly resolution 59/172)

(f) Comprehensive implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

**Documentation**

No request for advance documentation

(g) Human rights

**Documentation**

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its sixty-first session (Council resolutions 5 (I) and 9 (II))

Report of the Human Rights Committee (article 45 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights)\(^{18}\)

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolutions 1988 (LX) and 1985/17)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)\(^{19}\)

(h) Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

**Documentation**

\(^{17}\) Submitted to the Council through the Commission on Human Rights and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

\(^{18}\) Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.

\(^{19}\) Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.