ECOSOC Decision 2005/213

Improvement of the work of the Commission on Population and Development

At its 4th plenary meeting, on 31 March 2005, the Economic and Social Council, in order to improve the work of the Commission on Population and Development, decided:

(a) With effect from the thirty-eighth regular session of the Commission, to be held from 4 to 8 April 2005, that, immediately following the closure of each regular session, the Commission would hold the first meeting of its subsequent regular session for the sole purpose of electing a 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;

(b) 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 the Commission’s regular session held after 1 January, following their election by the Council, and to end at the conclusion of the regular session held after 1 January, following the election of the States that were to succeed them as members of the Commission, unless they were re-elected;

(c) To extend to the conclusion of the thirty-ninth regular session of the Commission the terms of office of members of the Commission that were to expire on 31 December 2005; to extend to the conclusion of the fortieth regular session of the Commission the terms of office of members of the Commission that were to expire on 31 December 2006; to extend to the conclusion of the forty-first regular session of the Commission the terms of office of members of the Commission that were to expire on 31 December 2007; and to extend to the conclusion of the forty-second regular session of the Commission the terms of office of members of the Commission that were to expire on 31 December 2008;

(d) That the pertinent provisions of General Assembly resolution 1798 (XVII) of 11 December 1962 would apply only to the substantive part of the session of the Commission.