**Decision 2019/208**

**Theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of the 2019 session of the Economic and Social Council**

At its 9th plenary meeting, on 11 April 2019, the Economic and Social Council decided:

(a) That the theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of its 2019 session will be “Promoting action to save lives, reach those in need and reduce humanitarian risk, vulnerability and need: looking towards the seventieth anniversary of the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and the climate summit called for by the Secretary-General”;

(b) That it will convene two panel discussions under the segment;

(c) To take note of the proposed topics for the two panel discussions under the segment:

   (i) “Preparing for the future in the face of climate change and weather-related disasters: strengthening preparedness and humanitarian response and collaborating to build resilience and address escalating risks and challenges”;

   (ii) “Strengthening humanitarian action: next steps to advance localization and engage communities for a more inclusive and effective humanitarian response”.

(d) To also take note of the high-level side event to be convened on the margins of the segment under the theme “Towards the seventieth anniversary of the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949: achieving collective commitment to international humanitarian law and putting fundamental protections into practice”.

See E/2019/L.6; E/2019/SR.9

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