

1999/201. Provisional agenda for the substantive session of 1999 of the Economic and Social Council

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 2 February 1999, the Economic and Social Council, having considered the proposed basic programme of work for 1999 and 2000,¹ approved the following provisional agenda for its substantive session of 1999:

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 2000 substantive session of the Council (General Assembly resolution 50/227, annex I)

High-level segment

2. *The role of employment and work in poverty eradication: the empowerment and advancement of women*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Council decision 1998/298)

World Economic and Social Survey, 1999

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment

3. *Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation:*

(a) *Poverty eradication and capacity-building*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 53/192, para. 62, and Council decision 1998/299)

(b) *Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Council resolutions 1994/33 and 1998/27 and Assembly resolution 53/192)

Addendum to the above report on an appropriate management process of operational

activities (Assembly resolution 53/192, para. 60)

Addendum to the above report on the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (Assembly resolution 53/192, para. 63)

Addendum to the above report, taking into account the annual reports of the executive heads of the United Nations funds and programmes, on themes for future discussion (Council resolution 1998/27, para. 3)

Addendum to the above report, including a concise consolidated list of issues that are central to the improved coordination of operational activities (Council resolution 1998/27, para. 4)

Addendum containing statistical information for 1997

(c) *Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme*

Documentation

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund (General Assembly resolution 48/162, annex I, and Council resolutions 1995/51 and 1998/27)

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (General Assembly resolution 48/162, annex I, and Council resolutions 1995/51 and 1998/27)

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme (General Assembly resolution 50/8 and Council resolutions 1995/51 and 1998/27)

Annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (Council resolutions 1994/33 and 1998/27 and General Assembly resolution 53/192, para. 59)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (Council resolutions 1994/33 and 1998/27 and General Assembly resolution 53/192, para. 59)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (Council resolutions 1994/33 and 1998/27 and General Assembly resolution 53/192, para. 59)

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Annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (Council resolutions 1994/33 and 1998/27 and General Assembly resolution 53/192, para. 59)

- (d) *Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries*

Documentation

Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries²

Coordination segment

4. *Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following theme: Development of Africa: implementation and coordinated follow-up by the United Nations system of initiatives on African development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Council decision 1998/298)

Humanitarian affairs segment

5. *Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, including progress made with regard to economic assistance to Djibouti and the implementation of General Assembly resolution 53/1 J (Assembly resolutions 46/182, annex, and 53/88)²

Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to Council agreed conclusions 1998/1

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made with the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts of Antigua and Barbuda, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Saint Kitts and Nevis (General Assembly resolution 53/1 B)²

Report of the Secretary-General on the collaborative effort to assist Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama and on the progress made with the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in the affected countries (General Assembly resolution 53/1 C)²

Oral report on assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda (Council resolution 1983/46)

General segment

6. *Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council agreed conclusions 1998/2 on the coordinated follow-up to and implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action (General Assembly resolution 45/264, annex)

Report of the Secretary-General on ways to enhance the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits (Council resolutions 1997/61 and 1998/44)

Report of the Secretary-General on possible modalities of a review by the Council in 2000 of progress made within the United Nations system on coordinated conference follow-up (Council resolution 1998/44, para. 17)

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the report of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly to review and appraise progress in the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action (General Assembly resolutions 52/100 and 53/120)

7. *Coordination, programme and other questions:*

- (a) *Reports of coordination bodies*

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its thirty-ninth session²

Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 1998

- (b) *Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001*

Documentation

Relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its thirty-ninth session²

- (c) *Joint and Co-sponsored United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/ Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS)*

² Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the Joint and Co-sponsored United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS) (Council resolution 1997/52)

- (d) *International cooperation in the field of informatics*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up action taken on Council resolution 1998/29, including the findings of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics

- (e) *Calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields*

Documentation

Draft calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields for the biennium 2000–2001

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

Question to be addressed

Monitoring of steps taken by the functional commissions in response to Council recommendations on the harmonization of their work programmes (Council resolution 1998/46, annex II)

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 (Council resolution 2100 (LXIII) and General Assembly resolution 53/89)²

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 1998/38)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (Council resolution 1998/38)

10. *Regional cooperation*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (Council decision 1979/1), including the report of the Secretary-General on a subject relating to interregional cooperation of common interest to all regions (Council resolution 1982/50 and decision 1982/174)

Note by the Secretary-General on a Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar (Council resolution 1997/48)

Summary of the economic survey of Europe, 1998

Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Africa, 1998

Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Asia and the Pacific, 1999

Summary of the economic survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1998

Summary of economic and social developments in the region of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, 1998

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 1998/32 and General Assembly resolution 53/196²

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

Relevant sections of the document prepared by the Secretariat containing a consolidation of conclusions and recommendations of subsidiary bodies and examining linkages between the functional commissions (General Assembly resolution 50/227, annex I, para. 68, and Council resolution 1998/46, annex II, para. 32)

Question to be addressed

Implementation of the relevant recommendations contained in the report of the

Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa (A/52/871-S/1998/318; see also E/1998/88) (Council decision 1998/283)

(a) *Sustainable development*

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its seventh session, including guidelines for consumer protection and recommendations on supportive measures and activities that will contribute to a successful International Year of Ecotourism (Council decisions 1993/207 and 1998/215, Council resolution 1998/40 and General Assembly resolution 53/200)

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its thirty-third session, including the Committee's assessment of the usefulness of a vulnerability index as a criterion for designation of the least developed countries (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX), 1625 (LI), 1998/39 and 1998/46)

(b) *Science and technology for development*

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its fourth session (Council decisions 1992/218, 1997/305 and 1997/306)

(c) *Statistics*

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirtieth session (Council resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II) and 1566 (L) and Council decision 1997/219)

(d) *Human settlements*

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Human Settlements on its seventeenth session (General Assembly resolutions 32/162, 43/181 and 52/190)²

(e) *Environment*

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twentieth session (General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII))²

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 53/185 entitled "International cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon"²

Report of the Secretary-General on the measures taken within the United Nations system to accelerate the implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 (General Assembly resolution 53/188)²

(f) *Women in development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development (General Assembly resolutions 42/178 and 52/195)²

World Survey on the Role of Women in Development (General Assembly resolutions 40/204 and 49/161)²

(g) *Transport of dangerous goods*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the implementation of Council resolution 1997/3 (Council resolutions 724 C (XXVIII), 1488 (XLVIII) and 1983/7)

(h) *International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 44/236, annex)²

Report of the Secretary-General on recommendations on how the United Nations can deal with natural disaster reduction after the conclusion of the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (General Assembly resolution 53/185)²

(i) *Population and development*

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its thirty-second session (General Assembly resolution 49/128, para. 25, and Council decisions 1995/209 and 1998/222)

(j) *International cooperation in tax matters*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress of the work of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters at its ninth meeting (Council resolutions 1273 (XLIII) and 1765 (LIV) and Council decision 1998/218)

(k) *Energy and natural resources for development*

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development on its first session (Council resolution 1998/46, annex I)

14. *Social and human rights questions*

Documentation

Relevant sections of the document prepared by the Secretariat containing a consolidation of conclusions and recommendations of subsidiary bodies and examining linkages between the functional commissions (General Assembly resolution 50/227, annex I, para. 68, and Council resolution 1998/46, annex II, para. 32)

(a) *Advancement of women*

Documentation

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)²

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-third session (Council resolutions 11 (II) and 1147 (XLI) and Council decision 1998/224)

Report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Council resolution 1998 (LX))

Report of the Director of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Council resolution 1998/48)

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to and implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (General Assembly resolutions 50/203 and 53/120 and Council resolution 1998/43)²

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 52/93 on the improvement of the situation of women in rural areas²

(b) *Social development*

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-seventh session (Council resolutions 10 (II) and 1996/7 and Council decision 1998/226)

Report of the Secretary-General on effective ways and means for achieving the goal of education for all (General Assembly resolution 52/84)²

(c) *Crime prevention and criminal justice*

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its eighth session (Council resolution 1992/1 and Council decision 1998/227)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 52/86 on crime prevention and criminal justice measures to eliminate violence against women²

(d) *Narcotic drugs*

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its forty-second session (Council resolution 9 (I) and Council decision 1998/229)

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board (article 15 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961; article 18 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971; and article 23 of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances)

(e) *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees*

Documentation

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees²

Oral report on the situation of refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (General Assembly resolution 53/126)

(f) *Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolutions 48/91 and 53/132)

Relevant chapter of the report of the Commission on Human Rights on its fifty-fifth session on a concrete proposal on the date and venue of the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (General Assembly resolution 53/132 , sect. II)

- (g) *Programme of activities for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People*

Question to be addressed

Mid-point review by the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly of the results of the activities for the Decade (Assembly resolution 50/157)

- (h) *Human rights*

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its fifty-fifth 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)²

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolutions 1988 (LX) and 1985/17 and Council decision 1998/293)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)²