

1999/273. Documents considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with the question of regional cooperation

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 28 July 1999, the Economic and Social Council took note of the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields;⁶²

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields: cooperation with other regional bodies;⁶³

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields: trends and activities;⁶⁴

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields: matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention;⁶⁵

(e) Summary of the economic survey of Europe, 1998;⁶⁶

(f) Summary of the economic and social situation in Africa, 1998;⁶⁷

(g) Summary of the economic and social survey of Asia and the Pacific, 1999;⁶⁸

(h) Summary of the economic survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1998;⁶⁹

(i) Summary of the survey of economic and social developments in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia region, 1998–1999;⁷⁰

(j) Note by the Secretary-General on the project for a Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar.⁷¹

⁶² E/1999/14.

⁶³ E/1999/14/Add.1.

⁶⁴ E/1999/14/Add.2.

⁶⁵ E/1999/14/Add.3.

⁶⁶ E/1999/15.

⁶⁷ E/1999/16.

⁶⁸ E/1999/17.

⁶⁹ E/1999/18.

⁷⁰ E/1999/19.

⁷¹ E/1999/20.

⁷² *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1999, Supplement No. 11 (E/1999/31).*

Technology for Development on its fourth session and provisional agenda and documentation for the fifth session of the Commission

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 28 July 1999, the Economic and Social Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its fourth session⁷² and endorsed the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Commission;

(b) Approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the fifth session of the Commission set out below:

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND DOCUMENTATION FOR THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
2. Substantive theme: "National capacity-building in biotechnology", with particular attention to agriculture and the agro-industry, health and the environment. The theme will include: human resource development through basic science education, research and development, as well as their interdisciplinary aspects; the transfer, commercialization and diffusion of technology; increasing public awareness and participation in science policy-making; and bioethics, biosafety, biodiversity, and the legal and regulatory matters affecting these issues to ensure equitable treatment.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

3. Comprehensive note on implementation of and progress made on decisions taken at the fourth session of the Commission.

Documentation

Note by the secretariat

4. Presentation of country reports on technology and innovation policies.
5. Budget of the Commission.

Documentation

Note by the secretariat

6. Activities of the Commission regarding the coordination of science and technology for development and other inter-sessional activities.

Documentation

Note by the secretariat

7. Election of the Chairperson and other officers for the sixth session of the Commission.
8. Provisional agenda and organization of work of the sixth session of the Commission.
9. Other matters.
10. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifth session.

1999/275. Gender Advisory Board

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 28 July 1999, the Economic and Social Council decided:

(a) To extend the mandate of the Gender Advisory Board until 30 June 2001 in order to allow it to complete its work programme within the extrabudgetary resources allocated for that purpose;

(b) That the Bureau should consult with the members of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development to fill the two vacancies on the Gender Advisory Board from among the members of the Commission in order to ensure continued linkages between the Board and the Commission;

(c) That the Commission on Science and Technology for Development should assess at its fifth session the desirability of continuing the work of the Board and the potential for obtaining external resources to do so.

1999/276. Second session of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 28 July 1999, the Economic and Social Council decided:

(a) That the dates of the second session of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development should be brought forward to 14 to 25 August 2000, after which the Committee would