

1993/64. Preparations for the World Summit for Social Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking note of General Assembly resolution 47/92 of 16 December 1992 on the convening in 1995 of a world summit for social development,

Convinced that the World Summit for Social Development would provide a unique opportunity to focus the attention of all countries on the main social and human concerns and to promote policies and strengthen international cooperation in order to effectively address those concerns,

Further convinced that Africa has a special stake in the Summit and its outcome,

Cognizant of the continuing severe deterioration of social and human conditions in Africa and the need to reverse this unacceptable situation as a matter of urgency,

Determined to ensure the effective participation of Africa in the preparatory process for the Summit and at the Summit itself,

1. *Urges* States members of the Economic Commission for Africa to participate actively in the preparatory activities for the World Summit for Social Development, particularly the meetings of the Preparatory Committee established by the General Assembly;

2. *Stresses* the need for members of the Commission to adopt an African common position on the issues to be discussed at the Summit;

3. *Decides* that an African common position on the issues before the Summit should be formulated by the meeting of the Conference of African Ministers Responsible for Human Development, to be held in January 1994, which should serve as the regional preparatory meeting for the Summit;

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to prepare, in cooperation with the Organization of African Unity and other African regional and subregional organizations, the necessary documentation for the meeting, including a draft African common position on the issues before the Summit;

5. *Further requests* the Executive Secretary of the Commission to transmit the African common position to the Preparatory Committee for the Summit, at its first session, which is scheduled to be held in New York from 31 January to 11 February 1994.

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