

**1997/60. Eradication of poverty**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its agreed conclusions 1996/1 on the coordination of United Nations system activities for poverty eradication,<sup>231</sup>

*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the agreed conclusions of the 1996 coordination segment of the Council on the eradication of poverty,<sup>232</sup>

1. *Reaffirms* that the goal of eradicating poverty in the world is an ethical, social, political and economic imperative;

2. *Also reaffirms* that the Council will continue to provide overall guidance and oversee system-wide coordination in the implementation of its agreed conclusions 1996/1 on the eradication of poverty<sup>231</sup> by all organizations of the United Nations system;

3. *Stresses* the need for implementation by the United Nations system of agreed conclusions 1996/1 of the Council as regards coordinated United Nations support and the availability of resources for poverty eradication activities at the field level;

4. *Welcomes* the steps already taken by its functional commissions, in particular the Commission for Social Development and the Commission on the Status of Women, to implement the recommendations of the Council on the coordination of the multi-year programmes of the functional commissions related to poverty eradication, and calls upon all relevant functional commissions to implement fully the recommendations contained in its agreed conclusions 1996/1;

5. *Decides*, in accordance with its agreed conclusions 1996/1, to carry out in 1999, under the agenda item on integrated and coordinated implementation and follow-up of the major United Nations conferences and summits, an overall review of the theme of poverty eradication in order to contribute to the special session of the General Assembly in the year 2000 for the overall review of the World Summit for Social Development and to the five-year review of the Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women,<sup>6</sup> also in the year 2000.

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<sup>231</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/51/3/Rev.1), chap. III, para. 2.*

<sup>232</sup> E/1997/58.