1999/1. Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields

The Economic and Social Council,


1. Takes note with appreciation of the reports of the Secretary-General on restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields and on the joint exploratory review of cooperation between the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions, and of the consolidated report by the Secretariat on the outcomes of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council in 1998;

II. JOINT EXPLORATORY REVIEW OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE BRETON WOODS INSTITUTIONS

6. Welcomes the joint exploratory review of cooperation between the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions as the first such joint review, and reaffirms that cooperation between the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions should cover cooperation at all levels, including intergovernmental, country and secretariat levels, as mandated by the Assembly in resolution 50/227;

7. Also welcomes the progress made in strengthening cooperation between the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions at the intergovernmental, country and secretariat levels, and encourages further cooperation in that regard;

8. Encourages the organizations that participated in the joint exploratory review of cooperation between the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions collectively to undertake a renewed effort to concert policy approaches and give new impetus to collaborative actions by the organizations and agencies of the United Nations system, in particular in the area of poverty eradication;

9. Welcomes the increased dialogue and cooperation between the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions at the intergovernmental level, and decides to make further efforts to promote an open dialogue with a view to building a strategic partnership and integrated development approaches;

10. Takes note of the recommendations of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions contained in his report, and encourages the organizations to continue to pursue cooperation at the country and secretariat levels, bearing in mind those recommendations;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a progress report on cooperation between the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions at all levels;


12. Recognizes that a consolidated report on the outcomes of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council is a useful tool with respect to supporting its coordination function;

13. Requests the functional commissions that have not yet done so to implement Assembly resolution 50/227 with regard to the provision of summaries of their resolutions or decisions for action by, and for the attention of, the Economic and Social Council;

14. Welcomes recommendations 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of section 1, recommendation 1 of section 2 and the recommendations contained in sections 3 to 9 of the consolidated report on the outcomes of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council in 1998, decides to transmit the recommendations to the appropriate functional commissions for implementation, and requests the functional commissions to report to the Council at its substantive session of 1999 on the follow-up actions taken;

15. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a further consolidated report on the work of the functional commissions

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of the Economic and Social Council in 1999 for consideration at its substantive session.

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