

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

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 1996/43 of 26 July 1996, 1998/46 and 1998/47 of 31 July 1998 and 1998/49 of 16 December 1998, and General Assembly resolutions 50/227 of 24 May 1996 and 52/12 B of 19 December 1997,

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 fields¹ and on the joint exploratory review of cooperation between the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions,² and of the consolidated report by the Secretariat on the outcomes of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council in 1998;³

I. RESTRUCTURING AND REVITALIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND RELATED FIELDS

2. *Welcomes* the progress made in implementing the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B;

3. *Decides* to inform the General Assembly of progress made by the Economic and Social Council in implementing Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B, and, to that end, requests the President of the Council to write to the President of the Assembly, as a follow-up to the letter of the President of the Council dated 21 August 1998⁴ pursuant to Council resolution 1998/46;

4. *Takes note* of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields¹ related to the work of the Council which include elements for continued deliberations of the Council on the further implementation of Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B;

5. *Looks forward* to the annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the further implementation of Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B and Council resolution 1998/46, to be submitted to the Council at its substantive session of 1999;

II. JOINT EXPLORATORY REVIEW OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE BRETTON 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,² 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;

III. OUTCOMES OF THE FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL IN 1998

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 1998,³ 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

¹ A/53/137-E/1998/66.

² E/1998/61.

³ E/1999/3.

⁴ A/52/1022 and Corr.1.

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

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