1999/4. Long-term programme of support for Haiti

The Economic and Social Council

1. Recalls paragraph 17 of its agreed conclusions 1998/1 of 17 July 1998,⁶ in which the Council noted the need to develop, through a strategic framework, when appropriate, a comprehensive approach to countries in crisis, in which key aspects of durable recovery, peace-building, all human rights, sustained economic growth and sustainable development, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences, were included. The development of such a comprehensive approach must involve national authorities as well as the United Nations system, donors and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations. National authorities must take a leading role in all aspects of the recovery plan;

2. Affirms the leading role of the Government of Haiti in all aspects of the recovery plans for Haiti;

3. Takes note of paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 1212 (1998) of 25 November 1998, in which the Economic and Social Council was invited to contribute to the elaboration of a long-term programme of support for Haiti, and of the exchange of letters between the Presidents of the Economic and Social Council and the Security Council;⁷

4. Decides to create an Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti, composed of representatives of five Economic and Social Council members, designated by the President of the Council on the basis of equitable geographical distribution and in consultation with regional groups and the Government of Haiti;

5. Also decides that the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti should submit to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1999, for its consideration, its recommendations on how to ensure that international community assistance to the efforts to support the Government of Haiti in achieving sustainable development is adequate, coherent, well coordinated and effective;

6. *Requests* the Group to ensure that the Government of Haiti is fully involved in its work;

7. *Encourages* other interested Member States, including in particular the Friends of Haiti, to contribute to the work of the Group, and requests the Group to consider ways and means to facilitate their doing so;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General and his Special Representative for Haiti, relevant United Nations funds and programmes and the specialized agencies, including the World Bank, to provide all necessary assistance to the Group;

9. Invites other relevant multilateral institutions, in particular the Inter-American Development Bank, regional

organizations and bilateral donors, to cooperate fully with the Group.

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⁶ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 3 and corrigendum (A/53/3 and Corr.1), chap. VII, para. 5.

⁷ E/1999/7-S/1999/170 and E/1999/12-S/1999/403.