

1999/60. Preparations for the ninth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on energy issues

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 adopted by the General Assembly at its nineteenth special session,¹⁶⁵ in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, decided that preparations for the ninth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on energy issues, should utilize an open-ended intergovernmental group of experts on energy and sustainable development, to be convened in conjunction with inter-sessional meetings of the eighth and ninth sessions of the Commission,

Recalling also the multi-year programme of work of the Commission on Sustainable Development, 1998–2002,¹⁶⁶ and paragraph 46 of the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21,

1. *Decides* that the first session of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Energy and Sustainable Development shall be held in New York in the first quarter of 2000 for a duration of one work week, immediately before or after the meetings of the inter-sessional ad hoc working groups of the Commission on Sustainable Development, and that the session shall have the following provisional agenda:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Preparations for the ninth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on energy issues.
4. Provisional agenda of the second session of the Group of Experts.
5. Adoption of the report of the Group of Experts on its first session.

2. *Also decides* that the Bureau of the Group of Experts shall consist of five members, one from each of the five regional groups of the United Nations, and shall include two co-chairmen, one from a developed country and one from a developing country, and invites the regional groups to nominate their candidates expeditiously and to inform the

Bureau of the eighth session of the Commission so that they can be involved in the preparations;

3. *Requests* the Group of Experts to report to the Commission at its eighth session on progress made on its work at its first session and to recommend to the Commission the agenda, timing and duration of its second session, to be held in 2001;

4. *Decides* to transmit the report of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development on its first session to the Commission at its eighth session, as well as to the Group of Experts at its first session, as an input to the preparatory process for the ninth session of the Commission;

5. *Invites* the Secretary-General, on the basis of submissions and information provided by Governments and working in close collaboration with entities within the United Nations as well as with other relevant international organizations, to prepare analytical reports and other documentation, as appropriate, for consideration at the first session of the Group of Experts;

6. *Calls upon* Governments to participate actively and contribute to the preparatory process;

7. *Encourages* the participation of civil society and other major groups, including the private sector, in particular from developing countries, in the preparatory process;

8. *Decides* that the participation of non-governmental organizations in the work of the Group of Experts should be in accordance with the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council;

9. *Recognizes* that funding to support the participation of representatives, in particular from developing countries, in the meetings of the Group of Experts is essential, and should be provided in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (d) of Council decision 1993/207 of 12 February 1993, and urges additional voluntary contributions to support the participation of representatives from developing countries that are not members of the Commission.

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¹⁶⁵ General Assembly resolution S-19/2, annex.

¹⁶⁶ *Ibid.*, appendix.