

ECOSOC Resolution 2004/58

Preparations for the forty-third session of the Commission for Social Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Underlining the significance of the forty-third session of the Commission for Social Development, which will mark the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development¹ and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development,²

Noting that the Commission will undertake, at its forty-third session, a review of the implementation of the Copenhagen Programme of Action³ and the outcome of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly,⁴ entitled “World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world”, held in Geneva from 26 June to 1 July 2000, which constitute the basic framework for the promotion of social development for all at the national and international levels,

Building upon Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/7 of 22 July 1996 and also taking into account General Assembly resolutions 50/161 of 22 December 1995, 57/270 B of 23 June 2003 and 58/291 of 6 May 2004,

Considering the special nature of the task before the Commission for Social Development at its forty-third session,

1. *Decides* to focus on the implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development⁵ and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development⁶ and the outcome of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly⁷ through the expanded use of interactive dialogue, and with broad-based participation of governmental delegations at the highest level of responsibility and expertise, and of civil society and organizations within the United Nations system, bearing in mind the need to integrate the social development perspective in the comprehensive review of the progress made in the fulfilment of all the commitments contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration;⁸

2. *Also decides* the Commission for Social Development at its forty-third session, should emphasize the sharing of experiences and good practices on overcoming challenges to the implementation of the

¹ *Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.8), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

² *Ibid.*, annex II.

³ *Ibid.*

⁴ General Assembly resolution S-24/2, annex.

⁵ *Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.8), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

⁶ *Ibid.*, annex II.

⁷ General Assembly resolution S-24/2, annex.

⁸ See General Assembly resolution 55/2.

Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action and the outcome of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly;

3. *Further decides* that the Commission for Social Development should convene, during its forty-third session, high-level plenary meetings, open to all States Members of the United Nations and observers, on the implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action and the outcome of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, and requests the Chairman of the forty-third session of the Commission to transmit the outcome, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session, including to the high-level event of the Assembly on the review of the Millennium Declaration in 2005;

4. *Requests* the Bureau of the Commission for Social Development, in its preparations for the forty-third session of the Commission, to take into account the views expressed by representatives at the forty-second session of the Commission and to convene informal consultative meetings with the participation of all interested member States and observers, with a view to facilitating the work of the Commission at its forthcoming forty-third session.

*51st plenary meeting
23 July 2004*