

ECOSOC Resolution 2005/48

Role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its agreed conclusions 1995/1 and 2002/1 and its relevant resolutions on the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits,

Recalling also General Assembly resolutions 50/227 of 24 May 1996, 52/12 B of 19 December 1997 and 57/270 B of 23 June 2003,

Recalling further the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration, the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits and the reviews of their implementation in the economic, social and related fields,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits,¹

1. *Underlines* the unique opportunity provided by the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly in September 2005 to advance the implementation of all the commitments made in the Millennium Declaration² and in the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits;

2. *Takes note with appreciation* of the contributions of the functional commissions, the regional commissions and other relevant subsidiary bodies to the preparation of the input of the Economic and Social Council to the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly;

3. *Recalls* its decision 2005/220, in which it decided to continue consultations on a multi-year work programme for the coordination segment, with a view to finalizing the programme of the work before the beginning of its substantive session of 2006;

4. *Welcomes* the progress made in the review of the working methods of several functional commissions, and invites those functional commissions and other relevant subsidiary bodies that have not yet done so to continue to examine their methods of work, as mandated by the General Assembly in its resolution 57/270 B, in order better to pursue the implementation of the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits, and to submit their reports to the Council in 2006;

5. *Recognizes* that progress has been made in several areas to enhance cooperation among the functional commissions and between

¹ E/2005/61.

² See General Assembly resolution 55/2.

the functional commissions and the funds and programmes, and invites the functional commissions to continue to work towards further strengthening this cooperation, including through the exchange of experiences with the aim of contributing to the quality and impact of intergovernmental decisions;

6. *Requests* its commissions, in their reports, to clearly identify the operational implications of their work for consideration and appropriate action by the governing bodies of the United Nations funds and programmes;

7. *Decides* to further strengthen its linkages with the United Nations regional commissions, including through the contribution of the commissions to the preparation of reports on implementation reviews;

8. *Invites* the United Nations regional commissions, within their mandates, to continue to develop closer links among themselves through knowledge-sharing and to enhance cooperation, as appropriate, with the United Nations funds and programmes in order to ensure coherence in their work at the regional level while respecting the governance structures of the relevant bodies;

9. *Recognizes* the importance of an efficient reporting system in order to make better use of the information provided to the Economic and Social Council and to allow the Council to exercise its coordinating and policy guidance role, and encourages subsidiary bodies to adhere to the guidelines for documentation adopted by the General Assembly and the Council;

10. *Decides* to continue to promote integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits;

11. *Stresses* the important contribution of civil society in the implementation of conference outcomes, and emphasizes that the contribution of non-governmental organizations and the private sector to the work of the Economic and Social Council should be further encouraged and improved, in accordance with the rules and procedures of the Council;

12. *Decides* to continue to take necessary steps for the effective implementation of the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B and 57/270 B, which are relevant to the work of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary machinery;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B and 57/270 B for consideration by the Council at its substantive session in 2006.

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27 July 2005*