

ECOSOC Resolution 2006/4

Sustained economic growth for social development, including the eradication of poverty and hunger

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 45/264, 48/162, 50/227 and 57/270 B regarding the role of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields,

Recalling also its decision 2005/221 of 6 July 2005, in which it decided to consider, during the coordination segment of the substantive session in 2006, the theme “Sustained economic growth for social development, including the eradication of poverty and hunger”,

Recognizing that eradication of hunger and poverty is a fundamental objective that must be at the centre of integral development initiatives and programmes of the United Nations system, including those aimed at the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals,

Recalling the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields, and recognizing the vital role played by these conferences and summits in shaping broad development visions and in identifying commonly agreed objectives,

1. *Urges* the United Nations system to enhance its assistance to developing countries, upon their request, in facilitating the realization of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, and efforts towards the eradication of poverty and hunger through comprehensive and multidimensional approaches;

2. *Requests* the United Nations system to conduct common country assessments and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework processes under the leadership of national Governments in such a way as to optimize their harmonization and alignment with national development strategies and priorities as well as efforts to improve the support for national development priorities and policies, and stresses that full national ownership, participation and leadership are required at all stages of those processes;

3. *Recognizes* the need to improve understanding of the complex interlinkages between economic growth and social development, and requests the Secretary-General to encourage the organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, with the involvement of all stakeholders, where relevant, to undertake studies and analytical work at all levels on the social impact of the realization of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals;

4. *Invites* the regional commissions, in cooperation with other entities of the United Nations system, regional organizations and other regional processes, where appropriate, to further contribute, within their respective mandates, to the implementation and review of the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic,

social and related fields, including, inter alia, sustained economic growth for social development, including the eradication of poverty and hunger;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in his capacity as the Chairman of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to encourage the organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, within their respective mandates, to review their current approaches in the area of economic growth and social development in order to effectively address and facilitate the realization of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals; in this regard underlines the need for exchange of experiences and the application, where appropriate, of relevant lessons learned; and in this context, requests that these be brought to the attention of Member States and the relevant governing bodies.

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17 July 2006*