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Note du secrétariat

Le 16 décembre 2004, la Présidente du Conseil économique et social a adressé au Président de la soixantième session de la Commission des droits de l'homme une lettre appelant l'attention de la Commission sur un certain nombre de décisions importantes adoptées par le Conseil à sa session de fond de 2004 concernant les commissions techniques. Une liste des résolutions adoptées par le Conseil et demandant expressément un suivi de ses commissions techniques était jointe à la lettre. La Présidente du Conseil a demandé que les questions soulevées dans sa lettre soient portées à l'attention de la Commission et que le nécessaire soit fait pour y donner suite. Conformément à cette demande, la lettre de la Présidente du Conseil économique et social est reproduite dans l'annexe ci-après*.

* L'annexe est reproduite telle quelle, dans la langue originale seulement.

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Annex

The President
of the
Economic and Social Council

16 December 2004

Excellency,

The 2004 substantive session of the Council reconfirmed the role of the Council as the central forum of the UN system to address key issues of development cooperation. The theme of this year's high-level segment, "Resources mobilization and enabling environment for poverty eradication in the context of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010" provided us with the timely opportunity to renew commitment to the development of LDCs and to identify practical measures that could enable these countries to embark on a path of sustained economic growth.

I am confident that the Ministerial Declaration adopted at the end of the high level segment will contribute to the efforts to give new impetus to the implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action by Member States and by the UN system, particularly the ECOSOC subsidiary bodies.

At its coordination segment, the Council addressed gender mainstreaming and integrated rural development. While addressing mainstreaming the gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system, the Council in its resolution 2004/4 calls upon its functional commissions to take further measures to incorporate recommendations provided by the Commission on the Status of Women and to fully integrate gender perspectives into their work. I request you to take into account these considerations in your future programme of work.

I should also like to reflect on some of the other important proposals made by the Council concerning functional commissions. A list of these resolutions adopted by the Council specifically calling for action by functional commissions is attached for ease of reference (see annex).

Among those, I should like to draw your particular attention to resolution 2004/44 on the 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. In this resolution, the Council decided to continue to take the necessary steps for the effective implementation of the provisions of GA resolutions 50/227, 52/12B and 57/270 B that are relevant to the work of the Council and its subsidiary machinery.

H.E. Mr. Mike Smith
Chairperson
Commission on Human Rights

Resolution 2004/44 requests the functional commissions and other relevant subsidiary bodies to continue to examine their methods of work as mandated in GA resolution 57/270B and to submit their reports to the Council in 2005. In addition, the resolution requests the functional commissions to contribute to the preparation of the input of the Council to the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly.

The Council, in its resolution 2004/63 requests its functional commissions, in their review of conference implementation in 2005, to promote complementarity in their work and to follow the guidance of the Council as well as the Assembly. It also 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.

I would also like to take this opportunity to inform you that the council has selected "Achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration, as well as implementing the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits: progress made, challenges and opportunities" as the theme for its High-Level Segment next year. As the theme for its Coordination Segment, the council has selected: "Towards achieving internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration."

I would greatly appreciate it if the issues raised above could be brought to the attention of your functional commission for consideration and action. I thank you for your active and continued collaboration and hope that this would lead to further strengthening of the interactions among the functional commissions and the Council.

Yours sincerely,

Marjatta Rasi

Annex

List of Resolutions adopted by the Council in 2004 requesting follow-up by the Commission for Social Development

2004/14 Comprehensive and integral international convention on protection and promotion of the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities (E/2004/26)
O.p. 1, 2,

2004/16 Implementation of the social objectives of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (E/2004/26)
O.p. 25

2004/58 Preparations for the forty-third session of the Commission for Social Development (E/2004/58)
O.p. 3, 4

The full text of these resolutions is available on the ECOSOC website:

http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc

Annex

Resolutions adopted by the Council in 2004 requesting follow-up by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

2004/17 Preparations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (E/2004/30)
O.p. 4, 19,

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Annex

List of resolutions adopted by the Council in 2004 requesting follow-up by all functional commissions:

2004/4 Review of Economic and Social Council agreed conclusions 1997/2 on mainstreaming the gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system (E/2004/L.14 and E/2004/SR.27)
O.p. 8

2004/44 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 (E/2004/L.24/Rev.1)
O.p. 3, 4

2004/63 Promoting coordination and consolidation of the work of the functional commissions (E/2004/L.48)
O.p. 2, 3, 4, 7.

The full text of these resolutions is available on the ECOSOC website:

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List of resolutions adopted by the Council in 2004 requesting follow-up by the Commission on the Status of Women:

2004/4 Review of the Economic and Social Council agreed conclusions 1197/2 on mainstreaming the gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system (E/2004/1.14 and E/2004/SR.27)
O.p. 10

2004/56 Situation of and assistance to Palestinian women (E/2004/27 and E/2004/SR.51)
O.p. 6

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