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Note by the secretariat

1. Following the conclusion of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Human Rights, the expanded Bureau of the Commission held a number of post-session meetings and undertook a series of activities aimed at improving the methods of work of the Commission and its coordination with various parties with a view to enhancing their overall participation and contribution to the work of the Commission.
2. As a follow-up to the guidelines set forth by the Economic and Social Council for its functional commissions, and following the established practice, the expanded Bureau held a joint meeting via video-conference with the Bureau of the Economic and Social Council, on 18 June 2001, and with the Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women on 21 June 2001. The expanded Bureau also participated in the 13th annual meeting of the chairpersons of human rights treaty bodies, on 19 June 2001, as well as in the 8th annual meeting of special rapporteurs/representatives, experts and chairpersons of working groups of the special procedures of the Commission on Human Rights and of the advisory services programme, on 21 June 2001. In addition, the Bureau followed closely the deliberations during the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council in July 2001 on the draft proposals submitted by the Commission on Human Rights. It also followed consultations with respect to a draft decision concerning the practice of sharing 1503 procedure confidential material with the Commission on the Status of Women, which was adopted by the Council, as proposed by its President. Consultations were held with the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights and with non-governmental organizations on 31 July 2001. A meeting with the United Nations agencies is scheduled for 21 September 2001. Highlights of all Bureau activities undertaken during the period May-August 2001, including summaries of the post-session meetings of the Bureau, were compiled for use by members of the Bureau, as appropriate.

3. At the request of the Chairperson of the Commission on Human Rights, made in consultation with the expanded Bureau, the attention of the one-day informal meeting of the Commission on Human Rights is drawn to the above-mentioned compilation of the Bureau activities which is annexed* to the present note for information purposes and as a contribution to the work of the one-day informal meeting of the Commission on Human Rights in 2001.
4. The attention of the one-day informal meeting of the Commission on Human Rights is further drawn to the summary records of the meetings of the Economic and Social Council and of the Sub-Commission, at which the Chairperson of the Commission delivered statements on behalf of the Bureau of the Commission (E/2001/SR.40 and E/CN.4/Sub.2/2001/SR.1).

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