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Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Annotated provisional agenda for the 2014 session of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council, in its decision 2014/202, took note of the provisional agenda for its 2014 session, on the understanding that the Council should review it for adoption at a later date.

Section I of the present document reflects the list of items of the provisional agenda for the 2014 session of the Council. Section II of the document contains the annotations for the items. The annotations are intended to provide a brief history of each item and to indicate, where applicable, the documentation that is to be made available during the course of the session. The present document does not include items that are considered by the Council on a biennial basis.²

The programme of work of the Council for 2014 was approved by the Council in its decision 2014/202 and is contained in document E/2014/1/Rev.1. The programme of work includes, among other things, the working arrangements for the substantive session of the Council as they relate to the operational activities for development segment, the integration segment, the humanitarian affairs segment, the high-level political forum on sustainable development, under the auspices of the Council, the high-level segment, the coordination and management meetings and the meeting on financing for development.

² South-South cooperation for development; proposed programme budget for the biennium; Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS); calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields; United Nations Forum on Forests; transport of dangerous goods; and United Nations research and training institutes.







¹ E/2014/1/Rev.1, annex II.

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Theme: [to be decided]

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 - (b) Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020.
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 - (b) Proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017;

³ As set out in E/2014/1/Rev.1, annex II.

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 - (a) Advancement of women;
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II. Annotations

1. Election of the Bureau

At the 1st and 2nd meetings of its 2014 session, on 14 and 30 January, the Council elected its Bureau for the session. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 68/1 and Council decision 2013/265, the term of office of the members of the Bureau for 2014 should be from the date of election until the election of their successors, which is expected to be at the beginning of the new cycle starting in July 2015, on the understanding that they remain representatives of a member of the Council.

At the 2nd meeting of its 2014 session, on 30 January, the Council, upon the recommendation of the President, decided on the special responsibilities of the members of the Bureau (Council decision 2014/203).

Documentation

No documentation required.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 30 January, the Council took note of the provisional agenda for its 2014 session, on the understanding that the Council should review it for adoption at a later date (Council decision 2014/202).

Documentation

Provisional agenda and programme of work of the Economic and Social Council for 2014 (E/2014/1/Rev.1)

Documentation for the provisional programme of work of the Economic and Social Council for 2014 (E/2014/2)

Annotated provisional agenda of the 2014 session of the Economic and Social Council (E/2014/100)

3. Basic programme of work of the Council

Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77 on the revitalization of the Council, the President, with the cooperation of the other members of the Bureau, will arrange for consultations with members of the Council on the draft programme of work and make proposals thereon for consideration by the Council.

Pursuant to Council decision 2006/206 on adapting the work of the Council, the President of the Council should convene consultations of the Council, on an "as available" basis, to adapt its organization of work and current methods of work in pursuance of the provisions set out in General Assembly resolutions 60/1, 61/16 and 68/1.

4. Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

Pursuant to Council decision 2014/202, the Council will schedule the elections to fill vacancies in its subsidiary bodies during the coordination and management meetings of the session.

Documentation

Annotations for the elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments to the subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council (E/2014/2/Add.1)

Election of the members of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council (E/2014/9 and addenda)

5. High-level segment

(a) High-level policy dialogue with international financial and trade institutions

In accordance with General Assembly resolutions 48/162 and 61/16, the Council will hold a high-level policy dialogue with the executive heads of international financial and trade institutions on current developments in the world economy during its high-level segment.

Documentation

World Economic and Social Survey, 2014 (E/2014/50) (General Assembly resolutions 118 (II) and 52/180 and Council resolution 1983/50)

World Economic Situation and Prospects, 2014 and mid-2014 update (General Assembly resolution 118 (II) and Council resolution 1990/52)

(b) Development Cooperation Forum

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 60/1 and 61/16, the Council will hold its biennial high-level Development Cooperation Forum to review trends in international development cooperation, including strategies, policies and financing, promote greater coherence among the development activities of different development partners and strengthen the links between the normative and operational work of the United Nations.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on trends and progress in international development cooperation (General Assembly resolution 61/16)

(c) Annual ministerial review

Theme: "Addressing ongoing and emerging challenges for meeting the Millennium Development Goals in 2015 and for sustaining development gains in the future"

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 60/1 and 61/16, the Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the theme of the annual ministerial review (Council decision 2011/208). The report will incorporate inputs from a number of relevant United Nations entities and will also provide policy recommendations for consideration by the Council.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on addressing ongoing and emerging challenges for meeting the Millennium Development Goals in 2015 and for sustaining development gains in the future

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(d) Thematic discussion

Theme [to be decided]

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 60/1 and 61/16, the Council should continue to promote global dialogue, inter alia, through strengthening existing arrangements, including a thematic discussion on a theme from the economic, social and related fields to be decided by the Council and informed by a report of the Secretary-General.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the theme of the thematic discussion

6. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 33/134 and 58/220, the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation will meet once every two years in odd-numbered years and report to the Assembly through the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund and the Council.

The High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation, in its decision 17/2, decided that the eighteenth session of the Committee would be held in 2014. The Council will therefore consider the report of the eighteenth session of the Committee at the 2014 session of the Council (Council decision 2013/216).

Documentation

Report of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation on its eighteenth session (A/69/39)

(a) Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council

The General Assembly, in its resolution 68/229, called upon the Council to discuss at its 2014 session the implications for the United Nations development system of the implementation of Assembly resolution 68/1, while stressing the need to minimize transaction costs associated with reporting and to avoid new or additional formal reporting requirements.

The Council, in its resolution 2013/5, requested the Secretary-General to consolidate the annual reports of the United Nations funds and programmes on the implementation of the comprehensive policy review and on the funding of United Nations operational activities for development in a single report, with inputs from and in full consultation with all the funds, programmes and specialized agencies and other relevant United Nations entities, with a view to facilitating effective, efficient and high-quality analytical reporting on United Nations operational activities for development.

In the same resolution, the Council requested the Secretary-General, in full consultation with the United Nations development system and countries using the common country programme document modality, to ensure that options for the review and approval of common country programme documents of the "Delivering as one" countries is fully addressed at the substantive session of the Council in 2014.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on analysis of the funding of operational activities for development of the United Nations system for 2012 (General Assembly resolutions 35/81, 59/250, 62/208, 63/232, 63/311 and 64/289)

Report of the Secretary-General on results achieved and measures and processes implemented in follow-up to General Assembly resolution 62/208 on the comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions 62/208, 63/232, 63/311 and 64/289, and Council resolutions 2008/2, 2009/1, 2010/22 and 2011/7)

Report of the Secretary-General on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions 62/208, 63/232 and 65/177)⁴

(b) Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/ United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, and the World Food Programme

The Council will have before it the annual reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, and the World Food Programme (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, 62/208, 64/289, 65/176, 67/226 and 68/229, and Council resolutions 1995/51, 2011/5 and 2013/5).

Documentation

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/ United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services on its work during 2013 (E/2013/35) (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, 59/250, 62/208 and 65/176, and Council resolution 1995/51)

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its work during 2013 (E/2013/34/Rev.1) (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, 59/250 and 62/208, and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the World Food Programme for 2013 (E/2014/14) (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, 59/250 and 62/208, and Council resolution 1995/51)

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on the first and second regular sessions and annual session of 2013 (E/2014/36) (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, 59/250 and 62/208, and Council resolution 1995/51)

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (General Assembly resolution 64/289 and Council resolution 2011/5)

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⁴ Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.

7. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

The General Assembly, in its resolution 68/102, and the Council, in its resolution 2013/6, requested the Emergency Relief Coordinator to continue her efforts to strengthen the coordination and accountability of humanitarian assistance and leadership within the United Nations humanitarian response system and called upon relevant United Nations organizations and other relevant intergovernmental organizations, as well as other humanitarian and development actors, to continue to work with the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat to enhance the coordination, effectiveness and efficiency of humanitarian assistance.

The General Assembly and the Council also requested the Secretary-General to continue strengthening the support provided to United Nations resident/humanitarian coordinators and to United Nations country teams, including by providing necessary training, identifying resources and improving the identification of and the selection process for United Nations resident/humanitarian coordinators, and enhancing their performance accountability; to report on actions taken to enable the United Nations to continue to strengthen its ability to recruit and deploy staff quickly and flexibly, to procure emergency relief materials and services rapidly, cost-effectively and locally, where applicable; and to quickly disburse funds in order to support Governments and United Nations country teams in the coordination of international humanitarian assistance.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (General Assembly resolution 52/12 B and Council decision 1999/208)

8. The role of the United Nations system in implementing the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council

In its resolution 45/264, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to implement the recommendations addressed to him in the annex to the resolution, which included that the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council would be organized under segments, including a coordination segment, and the coordination segment would focus on the coordination of the activities of the specialized agencies, organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in the economic, social and related fields, in accordance with Articles 63 and 64 of the Charter. In its resolution 2008/29, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on measures taken to implement the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the Council for consideration by the Council at the coordination segment of its substantive session of the following year. In its resolution 68/1, the General Assembly decided that dedicated coordination and management meetings would be held regularly to perform the functions of the coordination and general segments.

9. Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits

In its decision 2011/217, the Council invited the Chair of the Committee on World Food Security to transmit to the Council annually, starting in 2012, a report on the

main decisions and policy recommendations made as well as the results achieved by the Committee in the area of food security and nutrition, in accordance with its new roles and vision.

Documentation

Report of the Chair of the Committee on World Food Security on the main decisions and policy recommendations made as well as results achieved by the Committee in the area of food security and nutrition

(a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

In its resolution 2013/44, the Council requested the President of the Council, in close consultation with Member States, to continue close cooperation and dialogue with the relevant organizations and stakeholders on all the elements of the preparations for the special high-level meeting of the Council, in particular the date and agenda of the meeting of the following year, in order to seek a more interactive, dynamic and substantive discussion on key issues related to the financing for development framework.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the overall theme of the special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Summary by the President of the Council of the special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (General Assembly resolutions 58/230, 62/187 and 65/145, and Council resolution 2010/26)

(b) Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020

The General Assembly, in its resolution 67/221, requested the Committee for Development Policy to monitor the development progress of graduated countries, in consultation with the Governments of those countries, on a yearly basis for a period of three years after graduation becomes effective, and triennially thereafter, as a complement to two triennial reviews of the list of least developed countries, and to include its findings in its annual report to the Council.

At its substantive session of 2013, the Council, in its resolution 2013/46, requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Council at its substantive session of 2014 a progress report on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020 (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1998/46).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020

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Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its sixteenth session (24-28 March 2014) (E/2014/33)

10. Coordination, programme and other questions

(a) Reports of coordination bodies

The United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination will submit an annual overview report to the Council (Council resolution 13 (III)), which will provide the Council with a summary of the work carried out by the Board machinery in 2013 (Council decision 2001/321).

The report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its fifty-fourth session (2-27 June 2014) will include the Committee's views on its consideration of the report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (General Assembly resolution 31/93 and Council resolution 2008 (LX)).

Documentation

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2013

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its fifty-fourth session (A/69/16)

(b) Proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017

In accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Secretary-General will circulate the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017 covering activities in the economic, social and human rights fields. The Council will consider the relevant sections of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017 (General Assembly resolution 58/269 and Council resolution 1988/77).

Documentation

Relevant sections of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2016-2017 (see relevant fascicles of A/69/6)

(c) Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

The General Assembly, in its resolution 62/137, requested the Secretary-General to continue to report annually on the follow-up to and progress made in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session, with an assessment of progress in gender mainstreaming, including information on key achievements, lessons learned and good practices, and recommendations on further measures to enhance implementation.

At its substantive session of 2013, the Council, in its resolution 2013/16, requested the Secretary-General to submit at its substantive session of 2014 a report on the implementation of the resolution, including the promotion of accountability at both the national and the global levels and on progress made in the implementation of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

(d) Long-term programme of support for Haiti

At its substantive session of 2013, the Council, in its resolution 2013/15, decided to extend the mandate of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti until the substantive session of the Council in 2014, with the purpose of following closely and providing advice on Haiti's long-term development strategy to promote socioeconomic recovery, reconstruction and stability, with particular attention to the need to ensure coherence and sustainability in international support for Haiti, based on the long-term national development priorities, building on the Strategic Development Plan for Haiti and stressing the need to avoid overlap and duplication with respect to existing mechanisms.

The Council, in the same resolution, requested the Advisory Group to submit a report on its work, with recommendations, as appropriate, to the Council for consideration at its substantive session of 2014.

Documentation

Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti

(e) African countries emerging from conflict

At its substantive session of 2013, the Council, in its decision 2013/231, took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of integrated, coherent and coordinated support to South Sudan by the United Nations system (E/2013/73) and requested that another report on the subject be submitted for the Council's consideration at its substantive session of 2014.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of integrated, coherent and coordinated support to South Sudan

(f) Tobacco or health

At its substantive session of 2013, the Council, in its resolution 2013/12, requested the Secretary-General to establish the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases by expanding the mandate of the existing Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control, with this Task Force to be convened and led by the World Health Organization, to report to the Economic and Social Council through the Secretary-General and to incorporate the work of the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control, including the work to support the accelerated implementation by parties to the World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control.

In the same resolution, the Council requested the Secretary-General, in close collaboration with the Director General of the World Health Organization, and in full consultation with Member States through the World Health Organization, to develop the terms of reference for the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on

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the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases, incorporating, but not limited to, the work of the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control and the current work of the secretariat of the World Health Organization to develop a division of tasks and responsibilities, as exemplified in appendix 4 to the World Health Organization Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases 2013-2020, and also requested the Secretary-General to include the terms of reference in his report on the implementation of the resolution for the consideration of the Council at its substantive session of 2014.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases

11. Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B, 60/265 and 61/16

The Council, in its decision 2013/227, decided to modify the title of the item to include a reference to General Assembly resolution 61/16. In paragraph 25 of the annex to its resolution 68/1, the General Assembly stated that the Secretary-General should make proposals to promote collaboration across the United Nations system, taking account of the functions of a strengthened Economic and Social Council, with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat serving as a central hub of support for the Council, in order to better utilize existing resources of the United Nations system to broaden support to the Council and its Bureau. The proposals should include measures to enable the Secretariat to better support the implementation of a unified development agenda. Similarly, the Secretary-General should explore proposals to strengthen support to the Council, including to the office of the President of the Council.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General containing proposals on United Nations system support to the Economic and Social Council

12. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Assistance to the Palestinian people. At its sixty-third session, in 1977, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to it annual reports on the question of assistance to the Palestinian people (General Assembly resolution 57/147 and Council resolution 2100 (LXIII)).

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations. At its sixty-eighth session, the General Assembly, in its resolution 68/89, and the Council, in its resolution 2013/43, requested the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and international and regional organizations to examine and review conditions in each Non-Self-Governing Territory so as to take appropriate measures to accelerate progress in the economic and social sectors of those Territories, and also requested the specialized agencies and other organizations and institutions of

the United Nations system and regional organizations to strengthen existing measures of support and formulate appropriate programmes of assistance for the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories, within the framework of their respective mandates, in order to accelerate progress in the economic and social sectors of those Territories.

In the same resolutions, the General Assembly and the Council respectively requested the Chair of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the President of the Economic and Social Council to continue to maintain close contact with each other on those matters. In addition, the Council requested the President to report to it thereon and requested the Secretary-General to follow up on the implementation of the resolution, paying particular attention to cooperation and integration arrangements for maximizing the efficiency of the assistance activities undertaken by various organizations of the United Nations system and to report thereon to the Council at its substantive session of 2014.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations

Report of the President of the Council on consultations with the Chair of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

13. Regional cooperation

The Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation and take the necessary action on the decisions and recommendations contained therein that statutorily require its approval.

The Council will also have before it the summaries of the surveys of regional economic and social conditions prepared by the regional commissions, highlighting the main problems and prospects of those regions (General Assembly resolution 1823 (XVII) and Council resolution 1817 (LV) and decision 1979/1).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (E/2013/15 and addenda)

Economic situation in the Economic Commission for Europe region: Europe, North America and the Commonwealth of Independent States (E/2014/16)

Overview of the economic and social conditions in Africa (E/2014/17)

Summary of the Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific (E/2014/18)

Latin America and the Caribbean: economic situation and outlook (E/2014/19)

Summary of the survey of economic and social developments in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia region (E/2014/20)

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14. Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

The Council, in its resolution 2013/8, requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session, through the Council, a report on the implementation of the resolution and to continue to include in the report of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General to the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Palestinian Authority an update on the living conditions of the Palestinian people, in collaboration with relevant United Nations agencies.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

15. Non-governmental organizations

Pursuant to its resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and decision 1995/304, the Council will consider the reports of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on the work of its regular (21-30 January and 7 February 2014) and resumed (19-28 May and 6 June 2014) sessions. The dates of and provisional agenda for the 2014 sessions of the Committee were approved by the Council in its decision 2013/224.

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2014 regular session (E/2014/32 (Part I))

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its resumed 2014 session (E/2014/32 (Part II))

16. Economic and environmental questions

(a) Sustainable development

The Council will have before it the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its sixteenth session (24-28 March 2014) (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1998/46).

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its sixteenth session (E/2014/33)

(b) Science and technology for development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its seventeenth session (Geneva, 12-16 May 2014) (General Assembly resolutions 46/235 and 56/182). The provisional agenda and

documentation for the seventeenth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2013/229.

The General Assembly, in its resolution 67/195, requested the Secretary-General to report on the status of the implementation of and follow-up to the resolution, including on activities of the United Nations system, in particular relevant specialized agencies, related to the overall 10-year review of the World Summit on the Information Society, as part of his annual reporting to the General Assembly, through the Commission on Science and Technology for Development and the Council, on the progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit at the regional and international levels.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its seventeenth session (E/2014/31)

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels

(c) Statistics

The Council will have before it the report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-fifth session (4-7 March 2014) (Council resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II) and 1566 (L)). The provisional agenda and dates for the forty-fifth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2013/235.

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its forty-fifth session (E/2014/24)

(d) Human settlements

The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda (Council resolution 2013/22).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda

(e) Environment

The Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme reports to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council (Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII), sect. I, para. 3). The Governing Council meets in regular sessions every two years and in special sessions in alternate years (General Assembly resolution 53/242).

The General Assembly, in its resolution 67/251, decided to change the designation of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme to the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme.

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The Council will therefore have before it the report of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme (Nairobi, 23-27 June 2014).

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme (A/69/25)

(f) Population and development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Population and Development on its forty-seventh session (7-11 April 2014) (General Assembly resolution 49/128). The provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-seventh session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2013/237.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its forty-seventh session (E/2014/25)

(g) Public administration and development

The Council will have before it the report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its thirteenth session (7-11 April 2014) (Council resolutions 2001/45 and 2003/60). The venue, dates and provisional agenda for the thirteenth session of the Committee were approved by the Council in its decision 2013/238.

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its thirteenth session (E/2014/44)

(h) International cooperation in tax matters

Pursuant to its resolution 2013/24, the Council will hold, on an annual basis, a special meeting to consider international cooperation in tax matters, including institutional arrangements to promote such cooperation. Pursuant to Council decision 2014/202, the meeting will be held on 5 June 2014. The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on further progress achieved in strengthening the work of the Committee and its cooperation with concerned multilateral bodies and relevant regional and subregional organizations.

The Council will also have before it the report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its ninth session (Geneva, 21-25 October 2013) (Council resolution 2004/69). The venue, dates and provisional agenda for the eighth session of the Committee were approved by the Council in its decision 2013/239.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the role and work of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

Report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its ninth session (E/2013/45)

(i) Cartography

At its substantive session of 2011, the Council decided to establish the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management, in accordance with the terms of reference contained in the annex to its resolution 2011/24. The Council will consider, at its 2014 session, the report of the fourth session of the Committee. The Council, in its decision 2013/264, approved the provisional agenda and dates for the fourth session of the Committee (New York, 4-6 August 2014).

The Council will also have before it, at its 2014 session, the report of the twenty-eighth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV)). The Council, in its decision 2013/257, approved the dates and venue for the twenty-eighth session of the Group of Experts (New York, 28 April-2 May 2014).

Documentation

Report of the fourth session of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (E/2014/46)

Report of the twenty-eighth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names

(j) Women and development

The Council will have before it the relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-eighth session (10-21 March 2014) (General Assembly resolution 42/178 and Council resolution 1987/24).

Documentation

Relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-eighth session (E/2014/27)

(k) Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

At its substantive session of 2000, the Council, in its resolution 2000/32, reaffirmed the important role of the General Assembly, the Council and the Committee for Programme and Coordination in mobilizing and monitoring, as appropriate, the economic assistance efforts of the international community and the United Nations system to States confronted with special economic problems arising from the carrying out of preventive or enforcement measures imposed by the Security Council and, as appropriate, in identifying solutions to the special economic problems of those States. The Council decided to continue consideration of the question, under the item entitled "Economic and environmental questions", taking into account the relevant decisions of the Assembly and the Security Council (see also General Assembly resolution 59/45).

Documentation

No request for advance documentation

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17. Social and human rights questions

(a) Advancement of women

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-eighth session (10-21 March 2014) (Council resolutions 11 (II), 1987/22 and 1996/6). The provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-eighth session of the Commission was approved by the Council in its decision 2013/233.

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 34/180, annex). Under article 21 of the Convention, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women shall report annually on its activities to the General Assembly through the Council and may make suggestions and general recommendations based on the examination of reports and information received from the States parties to the Convention.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-eighth session (E/2014/27)

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the outcomes of the 2013 sessions of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

(b) Social development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission for Social Development on its fifty-second session (11-21 February 2014) (Council resolutions 10 (II), 1139 (XLI) and 1996/7). The provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-second session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2013/243.

The General Assembly, in its resolution 67/142, requested the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session, through the Commission for Social Development and the Council, on the implementation and description of the state of preparation for the observance of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family at all levels.

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its fifty-second session (E/2014/26)

Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for and observance of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2014

(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its reconvened twenty-second session (Vienna, 12 and 13 December 2013) (Council decisions 2009/251 and 2011/259).

The Council will also have before it the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its twenty-third session (Vienna, 12-16 May 2014) (Council resolution 1992/1 and decision 1993/242). The provisional agenda

for the twenty-third session of the Commission was approved by the Council in its decision 2013/247.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its reconvened twenty-second session (E/2013/30/Add.1)

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its twenty-third session (E/2014/30)

(d) Narcotic drugs

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its reconvened fifty-sixth session (Vienna, 12 and 13 December 2013) (Council decisions 2009/251 and 2011/259).

The Council will also have before it the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its fifty-seventh session (Vienna, 13-21 March 2014) (Council resolutions 9 (I) and 1991/39). The provisional agenda for the fifty-seventh session of the Commission was approved by the Council in its decision 2013/249.

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2013. In accordance with article 15, paragraph 1, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, article 18, paragraph 1, of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances and article 23, paragraph 1, of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, the Board will report to the Council, through the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, on its work for 2013.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its reconvened fifty-sixth session (E/2013/28/Add.1)

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its fifty-seventh session (E/2014/28)

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2013 (E/INCB/2013/1)

(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

In its resolution 58/153, the General Assembly decided that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees should make an annual oral report to the Council to keep it informed of the coordination aspects of the work of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and, as established in paragraph 11 of its statute (Assembly resolution 428 (V), annex), should continue the existing practice of presenting an annual written report to the Assembly.

Documentation

Oral report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

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(f) Comprehensive implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

In its resolution 62/220, the General Assembly decided that the Assembly, through its role in policy formulation, the Council, through its role in overall guidance and coordination, in accordance with their respective roles under the Charter of the United Nations and Assembly resolution 50/227, and the Human Rights Council should constitute a three-tiered intergovernmental process for the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted by the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance. In the same resolution, the Assembly reaffirmed that the Human Rights Council should continue to have a central role in the monitoring of the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action within the United Nations system and in advising the Assembly thereon.

Documentation

No request for advance documentation

(g) Human rights

The Council will have before it the reports of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its 2013 sessions (Geneva, 29 April-17 May and 4-29 November 2013) (Council resolutions 1988 (LX), 1985/17 and 1995/39).

The Council will also have before it the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141).

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its 2013 sessions (E/2014/22)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

(h) Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

The Council will have before it the report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its thirteenth session (12-23 May 2014) (Council resolution 2000/22). The venue, dates and provisional agenda for the thirteenth session of the Forum were approved by the Council in its decisions 2013/260 and 2013/261.

Documentation

Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its thirteenth session (E/2014/43)