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Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Draft decision submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Omar Hilale (Morocco), on the basis of informal consultations

Theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of the 2019 session of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council decides:

(a) That the theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of its 2019 session will be “Promoting action to save lives, reach those in need and reduce humanitarian risk, vulnerability and need: looking towards the seventieth anniversary of the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and the climate summit called for by the Secretary-General”;

(b) That it will convene two panel discussions under the segment;

(c) To take note of the proposed topics for the two panel discussions under the segment:

(i) “Preparing for the future in the face of climate change and weather-related disasters: strengthening preparedness and humanitarian response and collaborating to build resilience and address escalating risks and challenges”;

(ii) “Strengthening humanitarian action: next steps to advance localization and engage communities for a more inclusive and effective humanitarian response”.

(d) To also take note of the high-level side event to be convened on the margins of the segment under the theme “Towards the seventieth anniversary of the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949: achieving collective commitment to international humanitarian law and putting fundamental protections into practice”.

