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Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission for Social Development held its fifty-eighth session at United Nations Headquarters on 21 February 2019 and from 10 to 19 February 2020. The Commission held [] meetings (1st to []).

B. Attendance

2. The session was attended by representatives of [] States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations, non-member States and intergovernmental organizations and representatives of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations also attended. A list of participants is contained in document [E/CN.5/2020/INF/1](#).

C. Election of officers

3. In its decision 2002/210, the Economic and Social Council decided that, immediately following the closure of a regular session, the Commission would hold the first meeting of its subsequent regular session for the sole purpose of electing the new Chair and other members of the Bureau.

4. At its 1st meeting, on 21 February 2019, the Commission postponed the election of the members of the Bureau from African States, Asia-Pacific States, Eastern European States, Latin American and Caribbean States and Western European and other States to a later date, on the understanding that, upon nomination by their respective groups, candidates would be allowed to participate in the meetings of the Bureau held in preparation for the fifty-eighth session.



5. At its 2nd meeting, on 10 February 2020, the Commission elected, by acclamation, Gbolié Désiré Wulfran Ipo (Côte d'Ivoire) as Chair of its fifty-eighth session and Sharifa Yousef Alnesf (Qatar), Caroline Bartel (Austria) and Nikola Nenov (Bulgaria) as Vice-Chairs.

6. At the same meeting, the Commission further postponed the election of the member of the Bureau from Latin American and Caribbean States.

7. Also at the same meeting, the Commission designated Ms. Alnesf as Rapporteur.

8. The Bureau was thus composed as follows:

Chair:

Gbolié Désiré Wulfran Ipo (Côte d'Ivoire)

Vice-Chairs:

Sharifa Yousef Alnesf (Qatar) (Rapporteur)

Caroline Bartel (Austria)

Nikola Nenov (Bulgaria)

D. Agenda and organization of work

9. At its 2nd meeting, on 10 February 2020, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda contained in document [E/CN.5/2020/1](#). The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly:
 - (a) Priority theme: affordable housing and social protection systems for all to address homelessness;
 - (b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups:
 - (i) Outcome document of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the realization of the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities: the way forward, a disability-inclusive development agenda towards 2015 and beyond;
 - (ii) World Programme of Action for Youth;
 - (iii) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002;
 - (iv) Family issues, policies and programmes;
 - (c) Emerging issues: twenty-five years of the World Summit for Social Development: addressing emerging societal challenges to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
4. Programme questions and other matters:
 - (a) Proposed programme plan for 2021;
 - (b) United Nations Research Institute for Social Development.
5. Provisional agenda for the fifty-ninth session of the Commission.
6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-eighth session.

10. At the same meeting, the Commission approved its organization of work, as set out in annex I to document [E/CN.5/2020/1](#).

E. Documentation

11. The list of documents before the Commission at its fifty-eighth session is contained in annex [] to the present report.
