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Follow-up to Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions

Letter dated 20 December 2013 from the President of the Economic and Social Council to the Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women

At its 2013 Annual Ministerial Review, the Economic and Social Council considered ways to promote the role of science, technology, innovation and the potential of culture for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and sustainable development. The ministerial declaration affirmed that science, technology, innovation and culture were essential enablers and drivers for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and the promotion of the three dimensions of sustainable development and recommended that they be given due consideration in the elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda.

The coordination segment, which dealt with the role of the United Nations system in promoting productive capacity, employment and decent work, allowed for a cross-sectoral approach to the global jobs crisis and how the system could collectively strengthen the link between employment issues and the ongoing need to strive for inclusive and sustainable development.

The operational activities segment gave Member States the opportunity to start a dialogue on the changing nature of development challenges, and on the shifts in ways of doing business in the United Nations development system.

The humanitarian affairs segment built on the approach taken in the Secretary-General's report to consider the current challenges of humanitarian action and to examine how the United Nations, Governments, the private sector, affected communities, and other new actors, such as the volunteer community, can adapt and better respond to the changing humanitarian landscape.

At its general segment, the Council brought a sharper focus to a number of key concerns, including how emerging and other issues, such as drugs and crime, could be brought into the post-2015 agenda and the interface between peace and development. It also continued to review how a gender perspective is mainstreamed in the United Nations system.



A record number of non-governmental organizations contributed to the 2013 Annual Ministerial Review discussions, representing a 23 per cent increase since 2012. The Council also strengthened its role as a platform for facilitating public-private engagement through the Economic and Social Council Innovation Fair, the launch of the Global Innovation Index and the first ever Implementation Forum.

In addition to the ministerial declaration, a total of 46 resolutions and 59 decisions were adopted at the substantive session. A table (see annex) has been prepared reflecting those that have relevance to the functional commissions.

I would greatly appreciate it if the table would be brought to the attention of your functional commission for consideration and action (if necessary), and wish to thank you for your continued assistance and collaboration in that regard.

(Signed) Néstor **Osorio**

Annex

Resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2013 calling for action by relevant United Nations bodies

Resolutions/decisions requesting follow-up by the Commission on the Status of Women

- 2013/17 Situation of and assistance to Palestinian women
- 2013/18 Future organization and methods of work of the Commission on the Status of Women
- 2013/36 Taking action against gender-related killing of women and girls
- 2013/233 Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-seventh session and provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-eighth session of the Commission

Resolutions calling for action by the functional commissions

- 2013/29 Second review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002
- 2013/46 Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020

Resolutions calling for action by all relevant United Nations bodies/entities of the United Nations system

- 2013/5 Progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution [67/226](#) on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
- 2013/6 Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations
- 2013/9 Assessment of the progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society
- 2013/11 Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/ Acquired Immunodeficiency
- 2013/12 United Nations Interagency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases
- 2013/14 United Nations System Staff College in Turin, Italy
- 2013/15 Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti
- 2013/16 Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system
- 2013/25 Work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

- 2013/27 Preparations for and observance of the twentieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family
 - 2013/29 Second review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002
 - 2013/43 Support to Non-Self-Governing Territories by the specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations
 - 2013/46 Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020
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