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Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Draft decision submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Pascale Baeriswyl (Switzerland), on the basis of informal consultations

Theme of the humanitarian affairs segment of the 2021 session of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council decides:

- (a) That the theme of the humanitarian affairs segment of its 2021 session will be “Strengthening humanitarian assistance to face the challenges of 2021 and beyond: mobilizing respect for international humanitarian law, inclusion, gender, innovation and partnerships”;
- (b) That it will convene three panel discussions under the segment;
- (c) To take note of the proposed topics for the three panel discussions under the segment:
 - (i) “Health care in times of COVID-19: a global protection agenda”;
 - (ii) “Innovation as a driver of change: the use of new and emerging technologies and humanitarian data”;
 - (iii) “Humanitarian action and climate change: advancing anticipatory approaches, strengthening resilience and enhancing collaboration in response to the climate crisis”.

