

Resolutions

Substantive session of 2002

2002/1. Ad hoc advisory group on African countries emerging from conflict

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa, which was submitted to the Security Council and the General Assembly,¹

Recalling also paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 55/217 of 21 December 2000 on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa, in which the Assembly requested the Economic and Social Council to consider the creation of an ad hoc advisory group on countries emerging from conflict with a view to assessing their humanitarian and economic needs and elaborating a long-term programme of support for implementation that begins with the integration of relief into development,

Recalling further the ministerial declaration on the role of the United Nations in supporting the efforts of African countries to achieve sustainable development adopted by the Economic and Social Council at the high-level segment of its substantive session of 2001,² and section VII on meeting the special needs of Africa of the United Nations Millennium Declaration,³

Taking into account the New Partnership for Africa's Development,⁴ which was adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its thirty-seventh ordinary session, held in Lusaka from 9 to 11 July 2001, and looking forward to the final review and appraisal of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, which is scheduled for September 2002,

Bearing in mind the mandate of the Economic and Social Council,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the establishment of an ad hoc advisory group on African countries emerging from conflict;⁵

2. *Decides* to consider creating, at the request of any African country emerging from conflict, a limited but flexible

and representative ad hoc advisory group at the ambassadorial level, in consultation with all regional groups and the national authorities of the country concerned, drawn from the membership of the Economic and Social Council and its observer States, including representation from the country concerned, and in so doing to take into account the need to include countries that can make a positive contribution to the objectives of such a group;

3. *Also decides* that such an ad hoc advisory group is to examine the humanitarian and economic needs of the country concerned; review relevant programmes of support and prepare recommendations for a long-term programme of support, based on its development priorities, through the integration of relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and development into a comprehensive approach to peace and stability; and provide advice on how to ensure that the assistance of the international community in supporting the country concerned is adequate, coherent, well-coordinated and effective and promotes synergy;

4. *Further decides* that in order to carry out its work such an ad hoc advisory group should consult with the authorities of the country concerned and, as both deem necessary, with representatives of relevant national, subregional, regional and international organizations and other actors, as appropriate, according to the rules of procedure and relevant resolutions of the Economic and Social Council, and should make recommendations to the Council for consideration and forwarding to other appropriate and relevant settings;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General and the United Nations Development Group, as well as other relevant United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies, to assist such an ad hoc advisory group in accomplishing its mandate, and invites the Bretton Woods institutions to cooperate to that end;

6. *Urges* such an ad hoc advisory group to make maximum use of existing mechanisms and coordination structures, as well as intergovernmentally approved and other relevant documentation;

7. *Encourages* close cooperation between such an ad hoc advisory group and the Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa of the Security Council in the areas related to the fulfilment of the mandate of such an ad hoc advisory group;

8. *Invites* multilateral institutions, in particular the African Development Bank, the African Union and African subregional organizations, as well as other relevant actors, subject to the provisions of paragraph 4 above, to cooperate fully with such an ad hoc advisory group, upon its request;

¹ A/52/871-S/1998/318.

² See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/56/3/Rev.1)*, chap. III, para. 29.

³ See General Assembly resolution 55/2.

⁴ A/57/304, annex.

⁵ E/2002/12 and Corr.1.

9. *Encourages* all States Members of the United Nations, particularly donor countries, to contribute to the work of such an ad hoc advisory group;

10. *Decides* to undertake an assessment of lessons learned based on the initial experience of such ad hoc advisory groups, no later than at its substantive session of 2004.

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2002/2. Restructuring the conference structure of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling resolutions 143 (XXX) of 5 April 1974,⁶ 210 (XXXVI) of 29 March 1980,⁷ 262 (XLIII) of 30 April 1987,⁸ 47/3 of 10 April 1991,⁹ 48/2 of 23 April 1992¹⁰ and 51/3 of 1 May 1995¹¹ of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific on the conference structure of the Commission,

Recalling also Commission resolution 53/1 of 30 April 1997¹² on restructuring the conference structure of the Commission, in particular the Commission's decision contained therein to review its conference structure, including its thematic priorities and subsidiary structure, no later than at the fifty-eighth session of the Commission,

Cognizant of its resolution 1998/46 of 31 July 1998 on further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields,

Recalling the objectives outlined in the relevant Millennium Development Goals, as contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration, adopted at the Millennium Summit on 8 September 2000,³ and other internationally agreed development goals,

Recalling also General Assembly resolution 50/11 of 2 November 1995 on multilingualism, in particular paragraphs 1, 5 and 6 thereof,

Recognizing that the major economic and social development challenges facing countries and areas of the Asia and Pacific region are interrelated and multidimensional in

nature, particularly in an increasingly globalizing world, and that effective approaches to addressing them require multi-disciplinary action as well as enhanced regional cooperation and intercountry exchanges of experiences,

Cognizant of the scope of the responsibilities of the Commission, which constitutes the largest region in the world in respect of geographical coverage and contains 62 per cent of the world's population as well as the majority of the world's extreme poor,

Noting the diversity in levels of development of countries and areas of the Asia and Pacific region and the special needs of the least developed, landlocked and island developing economies, and economies in transition,

Noting also the unique role of the Commission as the most representative body for the Asia and Pacific region and its comprehensive mandate as the main economic and social development centre of the United Nations system for the Asia and Pacific region,

Taking into account the indivisibility in attainment of economic and social development goals,

Commending the initiatives taken by the Executive Secretary of the Commission to revitalize and restructure the programme of work of the Commission, and endorsing the focus of the work of the Commission on three key thematic areas, namely, poverty reduction, managing globalization and addressing emerging social issues,

Having considered the recommendations of the Intergovernmental Meeting to Review the Conference Structure of the Commission, including Its Thematic Priorities and Subsidiary Structure, held at Bangkok from 26 to 28 March 2002,¹³

1. *Decides* to approve the revision of the conference structure of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, including its thematic and sectoral priorities and subsidiary structure, to conform to the following pattern:

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The Commission

The Commission shall meet annually, with each session comprising a senior officials' segment followed by a ministerial segment, for a maximum of seven working days to discuss and decide on important issues concerning economic and social development in the region, decide on the recommendations of its subsidiary bodies and of the Executive Secretary, examine and approve the programme of work and priorities and take any other decisions required, in conformity with its terms of reference.

⁶ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1974, Supplement No. 5 (E/5469-E/CN.11/1153)*, part III.

⁷ *Ibid.*, 1980, *Supplement No. 6* and corrigendum (E/1980/26 and Corr.1), chap. III.

⁸ *Ibid.*, 1987, *Supplement No. 14 (E/1987/34)*, chap. IV.

⁹ *Ibid.*, 1991, *Supplement No. 14 (E/1991/35)*, chap. IV.

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, 1992, *Supplement No. 11 (E/1992/31)*, chap. IV.

¹¹ *Ibid.*, 1995, *Supplement No. 17 (E/1995/37)*, chap. IV.

¹² *Ibid.*, 1997, *Supplement No. 18 (E/1997/38)*, chap. IV.

¹³ E/ESCAP/1235, sect. III.