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Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa**The causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa****Note by the Secretary-General**

1. In accordance with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 54/234, the President of the General Assembly established an open-ended ad hoc working group to monitor the implementation of the recommendations made by the Secretary-General in his report on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa (A/52/871-S/1998/318). The Working Group met in three sessions from March to July 2000, during which formal and informal meetings were held, including oral presentations made by the representatives of a selected number of departments of the United Nations Secretariat, specialized agencies and the Bretton Woods institutions, and by special representatives of the Secretary-General.
2. In accordance with paragraph 9 of the resolution, the Secretary-General provided the Working Group with necessary assistance to accomplish its mandate. The Working Group prepared and adopted a substantive report on its work, which has been submitted to the General Assembly as document A/55/45. In view of this, the Secretary-General does not see the need to submit another report that would be different in substance from that of the Working Group.