

ECOSOC Resolution 2004/63

Promoting coordination and consolidation of the work of the functional commissions

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 50/227 of 24 May 1996 and 52/12 B of 19 December 1997, and resolution 57/270 B of 23 June 2003, entitled “Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields”,

Recalling also its agreed conclusions 2002/1 on strengthening further the role of the Economic and Social Council,¹

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the work of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council in 2004;²

2. *Welcomes* the contribution of the functional commissions to the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council of 2004, and requests the functional commissions and other relevant subsidiary bodies to contribute to the substantive session of the Council in 2005 and, in accordance with the modalities to be set out by the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session, to contribute, through the Council, to the high-level plenary meeting of the Assembly;

3. *Requests* its functional commissions, in their review of conference implementation in 2005, to promote complementarity in their work and to follow the guidance of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly;

4. *Also requests* its commissions, in their reports, to clearly identify the operational implications of their work for consideration and appropriate action by the governing bodies of the United Nations funds and programmes;

5. *Encourages* greater cooperation between its functional commissions and the regional commissions;

6. *Invites* its Bureau to give due regard in its consultations with the bureaux of the functional commissions to their contributions to the various segments of the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council;

7. *Requests* the Chairpersons of the functional commissions to communicate to the President of the Economic and Social Council the issues requiring special attention or action by the Council, as determined by the commissions;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council a consolidated report on the work of the functional commissions in 2005 focusing on the substantive aspects of their activities so as to complement the report on the role of the Council in

¹ See A/57/3 (Part II), chap. V.A.

² E/2004/81.

the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B
and 57/270 B.

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