

ECOSOC Resolution 2005/32

Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 2002/1 of 15 July 2002, 2003/1 of 31 January 2003, 2003/53 of 24 July 2003, 2004/1 of 3 May 2004, 2004/59 and 2004/61 of 23 July 2004 and 2005/2 of 1 March 2005 and its decision 2002/304 of 25 October 2002,

Welcoming the efforts of Guinea-Bissau, in particular the successful holding of the first round of Presidential elections on 19 June 2005, looking forward to the continuing peaceful electoral process leading up to and including the second round of elections scheduled for 24 July 2005 and encouraging its efforts to consolidate democracy and further deepen transparency and good governance,

Recognizing the link between political stability and economic and social development in Guinea-Bissau,

Welcoming the positive and constructive role of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau in supporting the country in pursuing its pressing short and long-term development objectives,

Also welcoming the efforts undertaken by the Secretary-General and his Special Envoy for Guinea-Bissau to assist all relevant actors in Guinea-Bissau to reach a peaceful conclusion of the transitional process in the country,

Recognizing the role played by partners of Guinea-Bissau in helping the country to return to constitutional order,

1. *Takes note* with appreciation of the report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau;¹

2. *Expresses appreciation* to those countries that have provided technical and financial support for the holding of the Presidential elections;

3. *Also expresses appreciation* to those countries and organizations that have shown flexibility in providing budget support to Guinea-Bissau in meeting its emergency needs, including through the Emergency Economic Management Fund, requests donors to continue to provide budgetary support to assist Guinea-Bissau in meeting the effective functioning of the State, and welcomes in this regard, the decision of the United Nations Development Programme to extend the duration of the Emergency Economic Management Fund until the end of 2005;

4. *Welcomes* the recommendation of the Security Council, in its resolution 1580 (2004) of 22 December 2004, to establish a voluntary emergency fund, to be administered by the United Nations Development Programme, to support efforts related to the planning and implementation of military reform, and expresses appreciation to those countries and organizations that have provided technical and financial

¹ E/2005/70.

support, including through the United Nations Development Programme, for the definition and implementation of military sector reform;

5. *Also welcomes* the plan by the United Nations country team to design a transitional strategy for the country, and calls on the United Nations system, and requests all other partners, to contribute to the implementation of the quick-impact microprojects envisaged therein;

6. *Calls* on all participants at the meeting of partners of Guinea-Bissau, held in Lisbon on 11 February 2005, to ensure the implementation of its conclusions, including the fulfilment of their commitments, and to strongly support the donor round-table conference scheduled to be held in the last quarter of 2005, and encourages in this regard all traditional and non-traditional partners, in preparation for the conference, to identify lead donors for various sectors in an effort to coordinate assistance;

7. *Calls* on the United Nations system, in collaboration with the Bretton Woods institutions and other multilateral and bilateral donors, to assist Guinea-Bissau in designing and implementing a comprehensive technical assistance plan that focuses on national priority areas, in particular on the public administration, health and education sectors;

8. *Encourages* the international community to find ways to support Guinea-Bissau in strengthening civil society organizations;

9. *Urges* the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Common Fund for Commodities, where appropriate, and other relevant agencies to assist Guinea-Bissau in formulating and implementing a comprehensive economic diversification strategy;

10. *Notes* that post-conflict recovery, reconstruction and rehabilitation, including the experience of the ad hoc advisory groups, are among the subjects being discussed in ongoing talks on United Nations reform;

11. *Recognizes* the importance of avoiding overlap and duplication with respect to existing mechanisms;

12. *Decides*, in the light of the current situation in Guinea-Bissau, to extend the mandate of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group until the substantive session of 2006, with the understanding that the decision on whether to renew its mandate will be based on the Council's consideration of the report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau, which should be submitted no later than six weeks before the start of the 2006 substantive session, and the situation prevailing in Guinea-Bissau at that time.

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26 July 2005*