ECOSOC Resolution 2005/33

Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Burundi

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 2002/1 of 15 July 2002, 2003/16 of 21 July 2003, 2003/50 of 24 July 2003, 2004/2 of 3 May 2004, 2004/59 and 2004/60 of 23 July 2004 and 2005/1 of 1 March 2005 and its decision 2003/311 of 22 August 2003,

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

2. *Expresses appreciation* to the Government and people of Burundi for the successful holding of the communal and legislative elections, and stresses the importance of concluding the transition period and further consolidating peace;

3. *Commends* those donors that have provided support to Burundi, calls for increased disbursement of funds committed at the Forum of Development Partners, held in Brussels on 13 and 14 January 2004, and encourages Member States to provide funds for the United Nations Consolidated Appeal for 2005;

4. *Encourages* the authorities of Burundi to finalize its poverty reduction strategy paper;

5. *Notes* the willingness of the authorities of Burundi to convene a further donor round table, and encourages the country's development partners to support the new Government with commensurate means and resources in the post-transition phase and through participation in the round table;

6. *Requests* the Ad Hoc Advisory Group to continue to follow closely the humanitarian situation and economic and social conditions, to examine the transition from relief to development in Burundi and the way in which the international community supports the process and to report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session in 2006;

7. *Notes* that the 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;

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

9. *Decides* that the work of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Burundi will be reviewed at the substantive session of 2006, with a view to considering whether to continue the mandate of the Advisory Group based on the Council's consideration of its report, which should be submitted no later than six weeks before the start of the substantive session of 2006, and of the situation prevailing in Burundi at that time.

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