

Resolution

2009/5

Recovering from the crisis: a Global Jobs Pact

The Economic and Social Council,

Having regard to the depth and breadth of the economic and financial crisis affecting all countries and the ensuing employment losses and human hardship,

Recalling the outcomes of the 1995 World Summit for Social Development,¹ the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly² and the 2005 World Summit,³

Recalling also the ministerial declaration adopted by the Economic and Social Council at the high-level segment of its substantive session of 2006⁴ and its resolutions 2007/2 of 17 July 2007 and 2008/18 of 24 July 2008,

Recalling further General Assembly resolutions 57/270 B of 23 June 2003, 59/57 of 2 December 2004, 60/265 of 30 June 2006, 61/16 of 20 November 2006, 62/208 of 19 December 2007, 63/199 of 19 December 2008 and 63/239 of 24 December 2008,

Recalling the outcome document of the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development,⁵ in which the International Labour Organization was invited to present the global jobs pact, which is intended to promote a job-intensive recovery from the crisis and to shape a pattern for sustainable growth, to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2009,

Recalling that the Global Jobs Pact, which demonstrates linkages among social progress, economic development and the response to the crisis, states that action must be guided by the decent work agenda and commitments made by the International Labour Organization and its constituents in the International Labour Organization Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization,⁶

1. *Welcomes* the adoption on 19 June 2009 by the International Labour Conference of the International Labour Organization at its ninety-eighth session of the resolution entitled “Recovering from the crisis: a Global Jobs Pact”;

2. *Encourages* Member States to promote and make full use of the global jobs pact as a general framework within which each country can formulate a policy package specific to its situation and priorities, through a portfolio of appropriate policy options, which may include, inter alia, multisectoral development policies, technical assistance and international cooperation, joined with the effort to promote sustainable recovery from the

¹ *Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.8), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

² General Assembly resolution S-24/2, annex.

³ See General Assembly resolution 60/1.

⁴ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/61/3/Rev.1), chap. III, para. 50.

⁵ General Assembly resolution 63/303, annex.

⁶ A/63/538-E/2009/4, annex.

crisis, when measures are being developed to promote and protect employment in recovery plans, according to its specific needs and circumstances;

3. *Requests* the United Nations funds and programmes and the specialized agencies to take into account, through their appropriate decision-making processes, the Global Jobs Pact in their policies and programmes, as well as to consider the integration of the policy contents of the Pact into the activities of the resident coordinator system and the United Nations country teams in the context of their assistance provided for national crisis response measures, in accordance with national plans and priorities, bearing in mind the importance of national ownership and capacity-building at all levels;

4. *Invites* international financial institutions and other relevant international organizations to integrate, in accordance with their mandates, the policy contents of the Global Jobs Pact in their activities;

5. *Recognizes* that giving effect to the recommendations and policy options of the Global Jobs Pact requires consideration of financing and capacity-building, and that least developed and developing countries and countries with economies in transition that lack the fiscal space to adopt response and recovery policies require particular support, and invites donor countries, multilateral organizations and other development partners to consider providing funding, including existing crisis resources, for the implementation of those recommendations and policy options;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2010 on progress made in implementing the present resolution.

*35th plenary meeting
24 July 2009*