

Resolution 44/1

Modalities for the first review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing

The Commission for Social Development,

Recalling that in the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002,¹ adopted by the Second World Assembly on Ageing, held in Madrid from 8 to 12 April 2002, the systematic review of its implementation by Member States was requested as being essential for its success in improving the quality of life of older persons and that the modalities of the review and appraisal were to be decided as soon as possible,

Bearing in mind that the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 2003/14 of 21 July 2003, invited Governments, the United Nations system and civil society to participate in a bottom-up approach to the review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action,

Mindful that in its resolution 42/1 it decided to undertake the review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action every five years,

Taking note of the report by the Secretary-General on modalities for the review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action,²

1. *Endorses* the calendar for the first cycle of the review and appraisal proposed in the report of the Secretary-General;³

2. *Decides* to start the first global cycle of review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action in 2007 at its forty-fifth session and to conclude it in 2008 at its forty-sixth session;

3. *Endorses* as the global theme for the first review and appraisal of the implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action: “Addressing the challenges and opportunities of ageing”;

4. *Recommends* that the format of the concluding event of the first cycle of review and appraisal include, along with plenary debate, a series of panel discussions and events related to the theme of the first review and appraisal cycle;

5. *Invites* those Member States that have not done so to establish their national mechanisms for the implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action at the national level and to inform the Secretariat accordingly, including the contact details of the national mechanisms, in order to facilitate international cooperation and exchange of information and good practices;

¹ *Report of the Second World Assembly on Ageing, Madrid, 8-12 April 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.IV.4), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

² E/CN.5/2006/2.

³ Ibid., paras. 34-38.

6. *Encourages* Member States to include both ageing-specific policies and ageing-mainstreaming efforts in their review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action, bearing in mind the importance of mainstreaming ageing into global agendas;

7. *Invites* Member States to undertake an initial identification of actions they have taken since the Second World Assembly on Ageing in 2002, with the aim of presenting this information to the Commission at its forty-fifth session in 2007, and requests Member States to identify specific areas for in-depth participatory inquiries using a bottom-up approach so that each country may establish for itself the action or activity it intends to review, utilizing such an approach;

8. *Invites* all major stakeholders, including civil society, to participate in the process of the review and appraisal and contribute to its various activities and events;

9. *Takes note with appreciation of* the draft guidelines proposed by the Secretary-General for the review and appraisal process, and requests that they be made available in all official languages of the United Nations;

10. *Requests* the Secretariat to work with the organizations, organs and bodies of the United Nations system and other interested parties to coordinate efforts in identifying support that could be provided to Governments, upon their request, in undertaking participatory review and appraisal of the implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action;

11. *Requests* the regional commissions to identify appropriate modalities for conducting the regional review and appraisal, encourages the convening of regional review and appraisal activities, and invites interested Governments to offer support and assistance, including voluntary financial contributions, to support national action in the context of the regional implementation and the convening of regional review and appraisal activities and events during 2006-2007;

12. *Recommends* to the Economic and Social Council the integration of ageing into monitoring, review and appraisal exercises of other major international development initiatives and policy frameworks, including the United Nations Millennium Declaration,⁴ the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,⁵ the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development⁶ and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development⁷ and the Beijing Platform for Action⁸ and their follow-up processes;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to it, at its forty-fifth session in 2007, a report on major developments in the area of ageing since the Second World Assembly, which will include short regional contributions by the regional commissions;

⁴ See General Assembly resolution 55/2.

⁵ *Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

⁶ *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, annex I.

⁷ *Ibid.*, annex II.

⁸ *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

14. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit to it, at its forty-sixth session in 2008, a report, including the conclusions of the first review and appraisal exercise along with the identification of prevalent and emerging issues and related policy options.