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Future organization and methods of work of the Commission for Social Development*

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 2005/11 of 21 July 2005 on the future organization and methods of work of the Commission for Social Development, in which the Council decided that in order for the Commission to fulfil its mandate, beginning with its forty-fifth session, the work of the Commission will be organized in a series of two-year action-oriented implementation cycles on the three core themes of Copenhagen, poverty eradication, full employment and social integration, which will include a review and a policy segment,

Recalling also that in that same resolution the Council also decided that the Commission would continue to review plans and programmes of action pertaining to social groups including in relation to the priority theme,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 57/270 B of 23 June 2003 on 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, in which the Assembly invited the functional commissions and relevant follow-up mechanisms, as appropriate, to contribute, from their specific perspectives, to the assessment by the Council of the cross-sectoral thematic issue selected for the coordination segment of its substantive session,

Re-emphasizing the importance of an increased exchange of national, regional and international experiences in the cycles of the Commission, focusing on the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly,

1. Decides that the outcome of the Commission's review shall be in the form of a chairperson's summary, done in close coordination with other members of the Bureau, and that the policy segment shall have a negotiated outcome with action-oriented strategies;
2. Also decides that the theme for the 2007-2008 review and policy cycle will be "Promoting full employment and decent work for all", taking into account its interrelationship with poverty eradication and social integration;
3. Notes the usefulness of identifying the themes for the 2009-2010 review and policy cycle during the forty-sixth session;
4. Decides to include the agenda item "Emerging issues" in its programme of work;
5. Invites the relevant specialized agencies and entities of the United Nations system to contribute to the work of the Commission for Social Development by, inter alia, providing relevant information within their respective mandates;
6. Stresses the importance to identify relevant sub-themes within the priority theme to focus interventions and discussions, also taking into account cross-cutting issues.

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