

Commission for Social Development
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On Friday 22 February, 2008, The Commission for Social Development at its resumed 46th session adopted by consensus all six outstanding resolutions after difficult negotiations.

Most important was the adoption of the resolution on the priority theme of the Commission, namely "**Promoting full employment and decent work for all**". This resolution will go the summer session of ECOSOC for its adoption. The significance of the resolution is that employment is now more firmly ensconced in the work of the United Nations.

The other 5 resolutions that were adopted concern the following:

1. "**Future organization and methods of work of the Commission for Social Development.**" The main significance of this resolution is that the priority theme for 2009-2010 of the Commission will be: "Social Integration. This resolution will be sent to ECOSOC for its adoption.

2. "**Further promotion of equalization of opportunities by, for and with persons with disabilities and protection of their rights**". The significance of this resolution is that it extends the mandate of the Commission's Special Rapporteur on Disabilities. This resolution will also be sent to ECOSOC for its adoption.

3. "**Mainstreaming disability in the development agenda**". The title is self-explanatory and an important step in the right direction for persons with disabilities. This resolution will also be sent to ECOSOC for its adoption.

4. "**First review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002**" which calls on the SG to prepare a strategic implementation framework for furthering the implementation of the Madrid Plan.

5. "**Social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development**". Similar resolutions have been adopted in the Commission over the last few years. The main difference this year is that resolution request the SG to submit a report in collaboration with the Office of the Special Advisor for Africa. In the past no such requests were made.

Following the closure of the 46th session of the Commission, the Commission elected its Bureau for the 47th session. The next Commission will be chaired by Her Excellency Ms. Kirsti Lintonen, Permanent Representative of Finland. Other bureau members are from Armenia, Bangladesh and Venezuela (the African Group was not able to provide a nominee at this stage).