

ECOSOC Resolution 2008/19
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 Economic and Social Council decided that the Commission should review the functioning of the two-year review and policy cycle in order to ensure that that approach enhanced its effectiveness and functioning,

Recalling also its resolution 2006/18 of 26 July 2006, in which the Economic and Social Council noted the usefulness of identifying the themes for the 2009-2010 review and policy cycle during the forty-sixth session of the Commission,

Noting that the Commission discussed the priority theme of “Promoting full employment and decent work for all” at its forty-fifth and forty-sixth sessions, as the first of the core themes of the World Summit for Social Development addressed under the two-year review and policy cycle,

1. *Reaffirms* that discussing one core issue as presented in the outcome document of the World Summit for Social Development¹ over a two-year period allows the Commission for Social Development to go into greater depth by also addressing related cross-cutting issues, emerging issues and linkages with other issues relevant to the theme under discussion;

2. *Decides* that the priority theme for the 2009-2010 review and policy cycle should be “Social integration”, taking into account its relationship with poverty eradication and full employment and decent work for all;

3. *Takes note* of its decision in resolution 2005/11, as recalled in resolution 2006/18, that the Commission should discuss each of the core themes of the World Summit for Social Development — poverty eradication, full employment and social integration — under the two-year review and policy cycle;

4. *Notes* the usefulness of identifying the theme for the 2011-2012 review and policy cycle during the forty-eighth session of the Commission;

5. *Decides* that the Commission for Social Development should maintain the two-year review and policy cycle until its fiftieth session and that it should continue to keep its methods of work under review.

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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.