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programme of work for the biennium 2010-2011

Draft programme of work of the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs for the biennium 2010-2011

Note by the Secretariat

1.   The draft programme of work of the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, for the biennium 2010-2011 (see annex) is submitted for the consideration of the Commission for Social Development in compliance with the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation.

2.   The General Assembly has already approved in its resolution 63/247 the biennial programme plan for the period 2010-2011, which includes the elements of the "programme narrative", namely the objectives, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement of the subprogramme.

3.   The draft programme of work presented in the annex includes, in addition to the programme narrative, a list of outputs, which has been formulated within the framework of subprogramme 3 (social policy and development) of programme 7 (economic and social affairs) for the period 2010-2011.

4.   The Commission is invited to take note of the programme narrative and review the proposed outputs to be included in the Secretary-General's proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011, which will be submitted to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session.

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Annex

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011

Subprogramme 3: Social policy and development

The subprogramme falls within the responsibility of the Division for Social Policy and Development and has been formulated drawing on subprogramme 3 of programme 7 of the proposed biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2010-2011.

Objective of the Organization: to strengthen international cooperation, raise awareness on the importance of social development and enhance national capacity with particular attention to poverty eradication, employment generation and social inclusion, especially with due regard to issues relating to older persons, persons with disabilities, family, youth and indigenous peoples

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement	
(a) International debate and agreements facilitated on major social development issues on the agendas of the United Nations intergovernmental processes	(a)	(i) Percentage of proposed recommendations used in the formulation of resolutions, decisions and agreed conclusions
		(ii) Increased number of programmes in the United Nations system devoted to social development issues not fully addressed
(b) Strengthened the capacity of Member States and of civil society to develop and implement social programmes and policies	(b)	(i) Increased number of national personnel trained to implement social policies at the national and community levels
		(ii) Increased number of social policy measures taken by countries with the support of the Division for Social Policy and Development to promote poverty eradication, employment generation, social protection, social spending and social integration
(c) Better understanding and awareness by Governments, civil society and the private sector of issues of social development	(c)	(i) Improved and timely access to United Nations research and analysis information
		(ii) Increased number of multi-stakeholder events on issues relating to social development

Strategy

The strategy will include:

(a) Promoting greater awareness of and supporting the integrated follow-up to and the implementation, within the overall orientation provided by the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the 2005 World Summit Outcome, of the commitments agreed upon at relevant United Nations conferences and summits, especially the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly; the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty; the preparation towards the International Year of Cooperatives; the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; the Programme of Action for Youth; the follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing; the Programme on Family; the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the mandates of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, with emphasis on greater integration of social and economic concerns and objectives in policymaking;

(b) Supporting the strengthening of technical and institutional capacity of Member States and of civil society to develop and implement inclusive policies and programmes for social development.

Outputs

During the biennium 2010-2011, the following final outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

(i) General Assembly:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings of the plenary, and Second and Third Committees (32);

b. Parliamentary documentation: reports in response to approved mandates: global human order (2010); Poverty eradication (2); microcredit (2010); cooperatives (2011); world social situation (2011); implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (2); follow-up of the Second World Assembly on Ageing (2011); policies and programmes involving youth: further implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth (*World Youth Report 2011*); follow-up to the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family (2011); implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons (2010); status of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol (2);

(ii) Economic and Social Council:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings (20);

b. Parliamentary documentation related to the elections of members of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (2010);

(iii) Commission for Social Development:

a. Substantive servicing: meetings of the Commission (32); inter-sessional meetings of the Bureau (20);

    b.   Parliamentary documentation: reports in response to approved mandates: priority theme 2010-11 (2); employment (2); social dimension of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (2); review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002 (2010); mainstreaming disability in the development agenda (2010); report of the Special Rapporteur on Disability of the Commission for Social Development on the monitoring of the implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities (2); reports of expert group meetings on the priority themes of the 48th and 49th sessions of the Commission for Social Development (2); note by the Secretariat on emerging issues (2);

(iv)   Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues:

    a.   Substantive servicing of meetings: ninth and tenth sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (40); informal consultations of the Forum at its ninth and tenth sessions (20); pre-sessional meetings of the Forum (8); bureau of the Forum in connection with the small grants programme under the Trust Fund on Indigenous Issues for the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (8);

    b.   Parliamentary documentation: comprehensive reports by the Secretariat on the follow-up to the eighth and ninth sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (2); analytical reports on the follow-up to the Forum's recommendations and other related work by individual United Nations and other intergovernmental entities, as well as by the special rapporteurs of the Forum (40); provisional agenda of the sessions of the Forum (2); conference room papers submitted by Governments, United Nations system bodies and NGOs (8); reports of expert bodies/rapporteurs of the Forum (6);

(v)   Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities:

    a.   Substantive servicing of meetings of the Conference of State Parties (12); intersessional working groups of the Conference of State Parties (20);

    b.   Parliamentary documentation: Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2); working groups of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (4);

(vi)   Ad hoc expert groups: 12 expert groups on: priority themes of the Commission for Social Development for 2010-11 (2); panel discussions during the forty-eighth and forty-ninth sessions of the Commission for Social Development on the priority themes and on issues related to social integration (4); role of cooperatives in development in preparation of the International Year of Cooperatives (2011); further implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002 (2011); implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth: progress and constraints (2010); assessing family policies (2010); developing an inclusive policy framework: promoting social integration towards a prosperous and peaceful society (2010); human rights-based approach to mainstreaming disability in the international development agenda: the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities as a tool to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (2010); themes for the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in 2010 and 2011 (2);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):

(i) Recurrent publications: *Report on the World Social Situation* (2011); *World Youth Report* (2011);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: capacity development on ageing (2011); developing an inclusive policy framework: promoting social integration towards a prosperous and peaceful society (2011); family policy-making (2011); resources on mainstreaming disability in the international development agenda (2011);

(iii) Technical material: periodic updates of websites; electronic newsletters on youth (United Nations Youth Flash); electronic newsletters on ageing (United Nations Network on Ageing); electronic newsletters on cooperatives (Cooperative Focus); electronic newsletters on disability (United Nations Enable); newsletters on the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and its work; guidelines for developing inclusive policy frameworks; programmatic reference tools on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2011); accessible format versions of documentation and publications on persons with disabilities; preparation of technical papers on indigenous peoples' issues for specialized expert or inter-agency meetings; database on the status of implementation of recommendations of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues; and analysis of progress on indigenous issues regarding the Millennium Development Goals;

(iv) Special events: provision of substantive support for the observances of international days of: social justice (20 February); families (15 May); cooperatives (first Saturday of July); indigenous peoples (9 August); youth (12 August); older persons (1 October); eradication of poverty (17 October); persons with disabilities (3 December); human solidarity (20 December); organization of cultural events in connection with the annual session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (2); organization of special lectures and multi-stakeholder panels on indigenous issues (12); press conferences on indigenous issues (4);

(v) Organization of inter-agency meetings and activities: other ad hoc expert group meetings in cooperation with Governments, other parts of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations; annual Inter-Agency Support Group meetings on Indigenous Issues (2); participating in and supporting the United Nations Development Group (UNDG) meetings on indigenous issues and disability issues; supporting and leading the Inter-Agency Support Group for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; chair and participation in meetings of the Management Committee on the Plan of Action of the UNDG Guidelines on Indigenous Peoples' Issues;

(c) Technical cooperation (including extrabudgetary):

(i) Advisory services: with a view to formulating appropriate policies and strategies provided upon the request of Governments of developing countries and countries with economies in transition, in cooperation with United Nations agencies and regional commissions, to carry out assessment, analysis and evaluation of their socio-economic situations, development goals, policies, institutional arrangements and management; and provide upon request support to initiatives of Governments related to social policy and development financed from resources of trust funds;

(ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: applied research, field studies, and electronic publications, as well as group training, including symposia, seminars and workshops to promote networking, capacity-building, advocacy and capacity-building

for policy research, policy planning, implementation, and evaluation of development programmes and policies;

(iii) Field projects: for piloting, operationalizing institutional capacities and technology transfer in policy formulation, programme and project development and programme management at the country level.

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