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activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the coordinated follow-up to and implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action.<sup>73</sup>

**1998/288. Documents considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits**

At its 47th plenary meeting, on 31 July 1998, the Economic and Social Council took note of the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the agreed conclusions of the 1997 coordination segment of the Economic and Social Council on freshwater, including clean and safe water supply and sanitation;<sup>74</sup>

(b) Statement of commitment of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for action to eradicate poverty.<sup>75</sup>

**1998/289. Reports of coordination bodies considered by the Economic and Social Council**

At its 47th plenary meeting, on 31 July 1998, the Economic and Social Council took note of the following reports:

(a) Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the first part of its thirty-eighth session;<sup>76</sup>

(b) Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 1997.<sup>77</sup>

**1998/290. Basic indicators for the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields**

At its 47th plenary meeting, on 31 July 1998, the Economic and Social Council:

(a) Reaffirmed that General Assembly resolution 50/227 of 24 May 1996, the Agenda for Development<sup>44</sup> and other relevant resolutions of the Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, as well as agreed conclusions 1995/1 of the Council,<sup>78</sup> provided a basis for intergovernmental integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits organized by the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields;

(b) Took into account the recommendation contained in the report of the Secretary-General that the United Nations system be encouraged to enhance national capacity efforts for data collection and analysis,<sup>79</sup> as well as the dialogue that took place during the session of the Council on integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the major United Nations conferences and summits, held from 13 to 15 May 1998;

(c) Recognized that Governments had the primary responsibility for the implementation and monitoring of conference outcomes, while the United Nations system had an important role to play in support of such national efforts, in particular those of developing countries;

(d) Recognized the need to start, on a step-by-step basis, an intergovernmental process on how to address better the need for relevant indicators to monitor the implementation of all aspects of conference outcomes at all levels;

(e) Decided to hold an informal meeting of the Council with panels of experts immediately after the resumed organizational session of the Council for 1999, of one to two days' duration, to consider in a comprehensive manner the work being carried out by the United Nations system and other relevant international and national institutions on basic indicators to measure progress towards the implementation of the integrated and coordinated follow-up to all aspects of major United Nations conferences and summits, including means of implementation, in the economic, social and related fields at all levels, with a view, as a first step, to taking stock and identifying overlapping duplication and gaps;

(f) Also decided that the informal meeting should have an interactive format so as to encourage dialogue among the participants and delegations, which dialogues should be summarized by the Secretariat;

(g) Requested the Secretary-General to prepare a report on this matter, pursuant to subparagraph (a) of the present decision, which should be distributed well in advance of the meeting;

(h) Requested the Bureau of the Council, in consultation with the Secretariat, to establish arrangements for the meeting, securing a balance with respect to the participation of panellists from both developed and developing countries.

**1998/291. Documents considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with economic and environmental questions**

At its 47th plenary meeting, on 31 July 1998, the Economic and Social Council took note of the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on development of a vulnerability index for small island developing States;<sup>80</sup>

<sup>79</sup> E/1998/19, sect. III, recommendation (ix).

<sup>80</sup> A/53/65-E/1998/5.

<sup>73</sup> E/1998/60.

<sup>74</sup> E/1998/56.

<sup>75</sup> E/1998/73.

<sup>76</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/53/16)*, part one.

<sup>77</sup> E/1998/21.

<sup>78</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/50/3/Rev.1)*, chap. III, para. 22.

(b) Report of the Committee for Development Planning on its thirty-second session;<sup>81</sup>

(c) Note by the Secretary-General on consumer protection and guidelines for sustainable development;<sup>82</sup>

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the eighth Meeting of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters;<sup>83</sup>

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/225;<sup>84</sup>

(f) Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the fourteenth Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance;<sup>85</sup>

(g) Report of the Secretary-General on the Seventh United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names.<sup>86</sup>

#### 1998/292. Freedom of movement and population transfer

At its 47th plenary meeting, on 31 July 1998, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights decision 1998/106 of 17 April 1998<sup>85</sup> and resolution 1997/29 of 28 August 1997 of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,<sup>86</sup> approved the recommendation of the Commission that the report<sup>87</sup> of Mr. Awn Al-Khasawneh, Special Rapporteur on human rights and population transfer, be published and widely disseminated.

#### 1998/293. Consideration by the Economic and Social Council of draft recommendations contained in the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its sixteenth session

At its 47th plenary meeting, on 31 July 1998, the Economic and Social Council:

(a) Invited the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to provide updated information on its requests, as contained in draft decisions I to IV recommended by the Committee at its sixteenth session;<sup>88</sup>

(b) Took note of General Assembly decision 52/463 of 31 March 1998, by which the Assembly would consider at its fifty-third session the comprehensive report of the Secretary-General on the question of honoraria payable to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations;

(c) Decided that no action was required on draft decision IV since the dates for the meeting requested had passed.

#### 1998/294. Reports considered by the Economic and Social Council in connection with social and human rights questions

At its 47th plenary meeting, on 31 July 1998, the Economic and Social Council took note of the following reports:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to and implementation of the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action;<sup>89</sup>

(b) Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women;<sup>90</sup>

(c) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;<sup>91</sup>

(d) Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Social and human rights questions: implementation of the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination";<sup>92</sup>

(e) Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its sixteenth and seventeenth sessions;<sup>93</sup>

(f) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.<sup>94</sup>

#### 1998/295. Dates of sessions of subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council in 1999

At its 47th plenary meeting, on 31 July 1998, the Economic and Social Council, recalling its decision 1997/301 of 24 July 1997, in which it approved the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1998 and 1999 in the economic, social and related fields, approved the following dates for the sessions in 1999 of the subsidiary bodies of the Council listed below:

(a) Inter-sessional ad hoc open-ended working groups of the Commission on Sustainable Development, to meet at Headquarters from 22 to 26 February and from 1 to 5 March;

(b) Commission on the Status of Women, forty-third session, to meet at Headquarters from 1 to 19 March;

(c) Commission on Population and Development, thirty-second session, to meet at Headquarters from 22 to 30 March;

<sup>81</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1998, Supplement No. 14 (E/1998/34).*

<sup>82</sup> E/1998/63; see also E/CN.17/1998/5.

<sup>83</sup> E/1998/57.

<sup>84</sup> A/53/173-E/1998/87.

<sup>85</sup> E/1998/77.

<sup>86</sup> E/1998/47.

<sup>87</sup> E/CN.4/Sub.2/1997/23 and Corr.1.

<sup>88</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1998, Supplement No. 2 (E/1998/22)*, chap. I.

<sup>89</sup> E/1998/53.

<sup>90</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 38 (A/53/38/Rev.1)*, part one.

<sup>91</sup> E/1998/7 and Corr.1. For the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/53/12)*.

<sup>92</sup> E/1998/51.

<sup>93</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1998, Supplement No. 2 (E/1998/22)*.

<sup>94</sup> E/1998/84.