

Committee for the United Nations Population Award

The Council elected **Belarus, Cameroon, Guyana** and the **Islamic Republic of Iran** to fill postponed vacancies for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2004.

The Council postponed the election of one member from Latin American and Caribbean States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2004.

Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

The Council elected **Israel** to fill a postponed vacancy for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2004.

Programme Coordination Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (UNAIDS)

The Council elected **France** for a one-year term beginning on 1 January 2004 to replace **Germany**, which was resigning its seat on the Board.

Executive Board of the World Food Programme

The Council elected **Greece** and **Norway** to fill postponed vacancies for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2004.

2003/311

Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Burundi

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 22 August 2003, the Economic and Social Council, recalling its resolutions 2002/1 of 15 July 2002 on the establishment of an ad hoc advisory group on African countries emerging from conflict and 2003/16 of 21 July 2003, by which it established the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Burundi, decided:

(a) To appoint the Permanent Representatives to the United Nations of Belgium, Burundi, Ethiopia, France, Japan and South Africa to the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Burundi and to appoint the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations as Chairperson of the Group;

(b) That the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Burundi will invite the participation in its work of the Permanent Representative of Guatemala to the United Nations, in his capacity as President of the Economic and Social Council, and the Permanent Representative of Angola to the United Nations, in his capacity as Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Security Council on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa;

(c) That the Ad Hoc Advisory Group will examine the humanitarian and economic needs of Burundi and review relevant programmes of support and prepare recommendations for a long-term programme of support, based on Burundi's development priorities, through the integration of relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and development into a comprehensive approach to peace and stability, as well as provide advice on how to ensure that the assistance of the

international community is adequate, coherent, well-coordinated and effective and promotes synergy;

(d) To request the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Burundi, taking into consideration the unique character and needs of the situation in Burundi, to submit a report on its recommendations to the Council by mid-January 2004.

2003/312

Participation of an intergovernmental organization in the work of the Economic and Social Council

At its 51st plenary meeting, on 31 October 2003, the Economic and Social Council decided to grant observer status with the Council to the Helsinki Commission, an intergovernmental organization.

2003/313

Change of date of the eleventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

At its 51st plenary meeting, on 31 October 2003, the Economic and Social Council decided to endorse the decision to change the date of the eleventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters from 10 to 14 November 2003 to 15 to 19 December 2003.

2003/314

Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 52/12 B

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 19 December 2003, the Economic and Social Council decided to defer consideration of the item "Implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/227 and 52/12: Consolidated report on the work of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council in 2003" to the organizational session of the Economic and Social Council in 2004.

2003/315

United Nations Forum on Forests

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 19 December 2003, the Economic and Social Council decided that the ad hoc expert group of the United Nations Forum on Forests on consideration, with a view to recommending the parameters of a mandate for developing a legal framework on all types of forests, would meet in New York from 6 to 10 September 2004.

2003/316

Sustainable development

At its 52nd plenary meeting, on 19 December 2003, the Economic and Social Council decided to defer consideration of chapter IV of the report of the Committee