

ECOSOC Resolution 2003/53

Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 2002/1 of 15 July 2002, in which the Council decided to consider creating, at the request of any African country emerging from conflict, an ad hoc advisory group, and its decision 2002/304 of 25 October 2002, in which the Council decided to establish such a group on Guinea-Bissau,

Recalling also its resolution 2003/1 of 31 January 2003, in which the Council took note with appreciation of the report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau,¹ welcomed its recommendations, endorsed the partnership approach it set out and decided to extend the mandate of the Advisory Group until the substantive session of the Council in July 2003,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the supplementary report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau,² and welcomes the interaction and cooperation that has taken place between the Economic and Social Council and the Security Council, within their respective mandates, on the situation in Guinea-Bissau;

2. *Reiterates* the need to foster a comprehensive approach to the problems faced by Guinea-Bissau in its post-conflict phase, in particular to prepare a long-term programme of support, based on its development priorities, through the integration of relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and development needs;

3. *Reiterates also* its invitation to the Government of Guinea-Bissau, and, within their respective mandates, to the organizations of the United Nations system, including the Bretton Woods institutions, the donor community and the international community as a whole to give full consideration to the recommendations formulated by the Ad Hoc Advisory Group and to take specific and concrete steps to give effect to the partnership approach that it set out, with a view to addressing the short-term needs and implementing a long-term programme of support;

4. *Welcomes* the progress made with the creation by the United Nations Development Programme of the Emergency Economic Management Fund, following the recommendations made by the Ad Hoc Advisory Group in its report³ and the trust fund set up for the elections, and appeals to donor countries to contribute to these funds;

5. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group until the organizational session of the Economic and Social Council in January 2004, with the current membership, including those invited members, with the purpose of monitoring the implementation of its recommendations, following closely the humanitarian situation and economic and social conditions prevailing in the country and providing

¹ E/2003/8.

² E/2003/95.

³ E/2003/8, para. 48 (a).

an assessment of its work through a report to be submitted to the Council;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, the United Nations Development Group, as well as other relevant United Nations funds, programmes and the specialized agencies to continue to assist the Ad Hoc Advisory Group in accomplishing its mandate, and invites the Bretton Woods institutions to continue to cooperate to that end.

48th plenary meeting
24 July 2003