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A. ECOSOC Upcoming Events

ECOSOC 2006 Substantive Session

ECOSOC High-level Segment (3 - 5 July 2006) and Dialogue with the Executive Secretaries of the Regional Commissions (6 July 2006) Geneva



The United Nations Secretary-General addressed the 2005 ECOSOC High-level Segment; UN Photo/Mark Garten, 29 June 2005.

The ECOSOC 2006 High-level Segment on the theme, “Creating an environment at the national and international levels conducive to generating full and productive employment and decent work for all, and its impact on sustainable development” will be held from 3 July to 5 July 2006 at the United Nations Office at Geneva. This three-day meeting, drawing on the lessons learned, will help define policy directions towards optimizing the impact of full and productive employment on sustainable development. A Ministerial Declaration will be adopted by ECOSOC members at the closing of the event on 5 July 2006.

The High-level Segment is designed to take the form of a series of roundtable dialogues clustered around the themes of employment and decent work and is being organized in close collaboration among organizations of the UN system. The opening plenary session on “Working out of Poverty” will bring eminent and distinguished speakers together. They will speak on

how the international community can support efforts to integrate productive employment and decent work into the sustainable development agenda as a way of achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The session on “Working out of Poverty” will frame the debate over the three days of the High-level Segment.

In the afternoon of 3 July 2006, ECOSOC will organize two informal roundtables, namely the Informal ministerial roundtable discussion on the annual ministerial review on the follow-up to outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits, and the Informal ministerial roundtable discussion on the biennial High-Level Development Cooperation Forum. These roundtables will provide the Council with an opportunity to further discuss how best to implement the new mandates that the Council has been entrusted with by world leaders at the 2005 World Summit.

On 5 July 2006, the Council will hold a series of high-level roundtables on the theme of the 2006 High-level segment of ECOSOC. These roundtables will be composed of delegates of ECOSOC Member States, experts from the United Nations system, civil society, including non-governmental organizations, representatives of the business community, networks of trade unions, and intergovernmental organizations.

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The roundtables will be devoted to the following subjects:

1. **Creating decent work opportunities with productivity growth;**
2. **Meeting the challenge of employment creation in Africa and the Least Developed Countries (LDCs);**
3. **Globalization and labour migration;**
4. **Innovation at work: national strategies to**

achieve gender equality in employment.

In addition, in the morning of 6 July 2006, the Economic and Social Council is organizing a Dialogue with the Executive Secretaries of the Regional Commissions on the theme, “The regional dimension of creating an environment conducive to generating full and productive employment, and decent work for all, and its impact on sustainable development”.

ECOSOC Coordination Segment 6 - 10 July 2006 Geneva

The 2006 coordination segment will be held from **6 July to 10 July 2006** at the United Nations Palais des Nations in Geneva. The Council will begin its deliberations in the afternoon of 6 July with an opening statement by the Vice-President (Iceland), followed by the introduction of the Secretary-General’s report on the theme of the segment (“Sustained economic growth for social development, including poverty eradication and hunger”) by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs. The inter-governmental debate on this theme will then begin.

On 7 July, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. a panel discussion is scheduled on “Policy approaches to achieve economic growth, poverty reduction and development: lessons learned, challenges and opportunities”. The panel is intended to contribute to the inter-governmental debate on the theme of the segment. It will highlight successes and limitations of existing approaches to sustained economic growth and social development on the basis of experience and economic analysis and suggest alternative ways and solutions to ensure a more positive outcome for poverty eradication and development.

On 7 July, from 3 to 6 p.m. there will be a dialogue of the Chairpersons of the Functional Commissions and other subsidiary bodies of ECOSOC. The discussion will review the contribution of these inter-governmental bodies to the

implementation of the United Nations development agenda and on how they can better contribute to the work of ECOSOC in the context of the reform decided by the World Summit of 2006.

On 10 July, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., there will be a follow-up meeting to the 2005 ECOSOC Bureau initiative to hold a Special Event on Avian Flu. The Special Event and this year follow-up meeting are both intended as part of the Council’s renewed effort to be more proactive in forging more coherent responses to emergencies and crises that require a comprehensive, coherent and timely response at the international level, particularly in the case of emergencies of economic and social nature. The follow-up meeting, in particular, is intended to provide a clearer picture of the current situation in terms of the spread of the disease and its economic and social impact; a better understanding of the gaps in the international response; the promotion of coherence and coordination among the UN system organizations in activities in support of Member States; and a clear vision of the nature of cooperation between the UN system and other stakeholders in the international community.

On 10 July, from 12:30 to 1 p.m. the Council will adopt the outcome of the segment.

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ECOSOC Operational Activities Segment 11 - 13 July 2006 Geneva

The 2006 operational activities segment will be held from **11 July to 13 July 2006**. This substantive session of ECOSOC coincides with the mid-cycle review of implementation of the General Assembly resolution 59/250 on the Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review (TCPR) of operational activities of the United Nations system. The Council will begin its deliberations in the morning of **11 July** with an opening statement by the Vice-President (Haiti), followed by the interactive panel on the review of trends and perspectives in funding for development cooperation.

On 11 July 2006 (10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.), there will be an Interactive panel on the “Comprehensive review of trends and perspectives in funding for development cooperation.” This panel will take place in the morning (10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.), followed by an informal debate and general discussion in the afternoon (3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.). A number of senior government officials and senior officials of United Nations funds, programmes, agencies and other key development actors will debate these issues in an open discussion forum.

On 12 July (10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.), there will be the “Dialogue with the Executive Heads of the United Nations Funds and Programmes (UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP).” This dialogue will be an opportunity to address issues that affect coherence and coordination of the United Nations system at the country level including: (a) progress on strengthening the Resident Coordinator (RC) system (with emphasis on the role of the Regional Directors’ Team and RC/UN Country Team (UNCT) performance appraisal review); (b) streamlined country presence (with emphasis on the Joint Office initiative); (c) coordination during transition from emergencies to recovery and development; and (d) simplified country programming to support achievement of the MDGs.

In the afternoon of **12 July (3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.)**, there will be a UN Country Team panel on “the role of United Nations development cooperation in pursuit of employment creation and decent work: results, coherence, and system-wide support through the UN Development Assistance Framework.” The purpose of this panel is for the UNCT and national counterpart in government to share with the Council their experience from the country level on how the UN development assistance has contributed to addressing the challenges of productive employment and decent work.

The session on **13 July 2006, (10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.)** will provide the opportunity to delegations for a debate and general discussion on operational activities for development of the UN system: evaluation of implementation of Assembly resolution [59/250](#). Paragraph 102 of Assembly resolution [59/250](#) provides the mandate for this evaluation: the Assembly “invites the Economic and Social Council, during the operational activities segment of its substantive session of 2006, to examine the operational activities of the United Nations system in order to evaluate the implementation of the present resolution with a view to ensuring its full implementation”. Council resolution [2005/7](#) added specific requirements for the Secretary-General reports submitted in the context of this agenda item of the Council. The session is an opportunity to orient the formulation of a resolution in the area of operational activities for development. This resolution will offer further guidance to the UN development system for the review of the full implementation of Assembly resolution [59/250](#) and the preparation of a comprehensive analysis of implementation of the resolution to be submitted to the Council in 2007 in the context of the TCPR.

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On **13 July**, the Council will adopt the outcome of the operational activities segment.

ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment 14 - 19 July 2006 Geneva

The ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment 2006 will be held from **14 July to 19 July 2006** in Geneva. H.E. Mr. Prasad Kariyawasam, Permanent Representative of the Government of Sri Lanka to the United Nations has been designated Vice President of ECOSOC charged with the stewardship of the Humanitarian Affairs Segment.

The theme of the 2006 Segment, as agreed by Member States, is *Strengthening of the co-ordination of UN humanitarian assistance: implementing improved humanitarian response at all levels, including strengthening capacity, with particular attention to recent humanitarian emergencies, including severe natural disasters*.

In addition, Member States agreed to hold an event on the transition from relief to development in between the Operational Activities Segment and the Humanitarian Affairs Segment. The event is an informal one with no negotiated outcome and will be co-chaired by the Vice-Presidents of the Operational Activities Segment (Haiti) and the Humanitarian Affairs Segment (Sri Lanka).

Based on these preparations, the ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment is envisioned as follows:

Friday, 14 July 2006

- **10 a.m. to 1 p.m.:** The **Informal ECOSOC Event on the Transition from Relief to Development** will be comprised of two panel discussions focused on transitions issues following a natural disaster. Building

on the reports of the Secretary-General to ECOSOC on “*Humanitarian assistance and rehabilitation for El Salvador and Guatemala*”, and on “*Strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and prevention in the aftermath of the South Asian Earthquake disaster – Pakistan*”, one panel will focus on post-disaster recovery and the second on risk reduction strategies as part of disaster recovery efforts.

- **3 p.m. to 6 p.m.:** Opening of the Humanitarian Affairs Segment. This session will begin with introductory remarks by the vice-president and will be followed by opening remarks by Mr. Jan Egeland, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator. These remarks will be followed by general statements by Member States.

Monday, 17 July 2006

- **10 a.m. to 1 p.m.:** **Panel on Gender-Based Violence in Humanitarian Emergencies.** This panel discussion will focus on the prevalence of gender-based violence as a weapon of war in conflict settings and the growing concern of gender-based violence in humanitarian crises following natural disasters. The panel will consist of speakers from governments who have adopted national policies and legislation to address gender-based violence, as well as UN agencies and other

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international and national organizations working to provide assistance to GBV survivors.

- **3 p.m. to 6 p.m.:** Member States will have the opportunity to make general statements during this session.

Tuesday, 18 July 2006

- **10 a.m. to 1 p.m.:** **Panel on Chronically Under-Funded Crises.** This panel discussion will highlight the issue of equity in humanitarian aid flows. Panelists will broadly represent the donor community, United Nations agencies and government and NGO representatives from countries that constantly suffer the effects of under-funding.
- **3 p.m. to 6 p.m.:** Member States will have the opportunity to make general statements during this session.

Wednesday, 19 July 2006

- **10 a.m. to 1 p.m.:** The Council will conclude its general statements from Member States, hear closing remarks by Mr. Jan Egeland, Under Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, adopt the outcome of the segment and conclude its work.

In addition, the following side events will take place in the margins of the formal meetings:

Thursday, 13 July 2006, 1:15 – 2:45

- Current Progress on the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction;
- Progress Made on Good Humanitarian Donorship

Friday, 14 July 2006, 1:15 – 2:45

- Launch of the Report of the Tsunami Evaluation Coalition

Monday, 17 July 2006, 1:15 – 2:45

- International Disaster Response Law

Tuesday, 18 July 2006, 1:15 – 2:45

- Launch of the Mid-Year Review of the Consolidated Humanitarian Appeal

Wednesday, 19 July 2006, 1:15 – 2:45

- Briefing on the Implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action

**ECOSOC General Segment
19 - 27 July 2006
Geneva**

At the general segment of its substantive session, the Council will consider the reports of its subsidiary bodies, namely its functional commissions, expert bodies and ad hoc advisory groups. It will also address the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, for which it has a specific mandate from the General Assembly. A report of the Secretary-General, which draws upon the work of the functional commissions, is submitted to the Council under this item and makes

recommendations on how the Council and its subsidiary bodies can operate as a unified system around the single framework of the United Nations development agenda.

The Council will consider the review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) for the Decade 2001-2010 and, in that context, will hold a panel discussion entitled "Mobilizing resources and creating an enabling environment for poverty

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eradication in the LDCs: implementation of the 2004 Ministerial Declaration".

Other thematic issues to be considered include the follow-up process to the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) and mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system.

Reports of United Nations system coordination mechanisms are submitted to the Council under this segment, including the annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination and the report of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control.

The work of the Ad Hoc Advisory Groups of the Council on Haiti, Guinea-Bissau and Burundi will be reviewed by the Council. This year, in addition to the Groups' reports, the Council will have before it a report of the Secretary-General on the assessment of the work of the Guinea-Bissau and Burundi Groups. In this context, the links between these Groups and the newly established Peace-building Commission will be discussed.

The Council will also consider standing agenda items, including the implementation of the Declaration on the granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the United Nations specialized agencies and the economic and social situation of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan.

B. Other Upcoming Events

Global Alliance for ICT and Development Inaugural meeting 19 - 20 June 2006 Kuala Lumpur



The Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Kofi Annan has recently approved the launch of the Global Alliance for Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) and Development (GAID). The Alliance was established on the basis of broad consultations conducted over the past year and will hold its inaugural meeting on 19-20 June 2006, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, hosted by the Government of Malaysia.

As stressed by the 2005 World Summit and the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), information and communication

technologies must be effectively integrated into development activities if the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, are to be achieved within the agreed timeframe.

The mission of the Alliance will be to facilitate and promote open, inclusive, multi-stakeholder, cross-sectoral and cross-cutting dialogue on the role of ICT in development. It will contribute to linking the outcomes of the WSIS with the broader United Nations development agenda. GAID will function as a decentralized, global, and open policy forum for interaction and consensus building on ways and means to servicing and advancing development. It will promote multi-stakeholder approach to international policy formulation and focused

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and in-depth policy dialogue on core issues by organizing events closely related to MDG agenda. The Alliance will focus on issues that relate to the role of ICT in economic development, eradication of poverty, employment and enterprise in pro-growth scenarios, with a particular focus on health, education, gender, youth, disabled and disadvantaged segments of society.

GAID is intended to complement and support the existing institutions and networks, functioning as a platform independent of specific United Nations processes, while at the same time maintaining a link to the United Nations by working under the patronage of the Secretary General and the auspices of the Economic and Social Council. The Alliance will build on and advance the work of past initiatives such as the DOT Force and the ICT Task Force as well as the experience of the WSIS process.

The Alliance aims at significantly expanding the circle of its participants beyond the traditional set of stakeholders. This approach, as distinct from other initiatives, will provide the Alliance with an open participation of constituencies that currently are not adequately involved in policy and partnership debate. Governments, business, civil society, international organizations, professional associations, academia,

younger champions of ICT for Development, gender groups and the media will be expected to actively engage in policy dialogue. Groups of participants will coalesce around specific topics of mutual interest put forward for discussion.

Overall strategic guidance and priority setting for GAID will be provided by a Strategy Council, a high-level body with balanced representation of all stakeholder groups and all regions that will bring together prominent personalities. A Steering Committee will provide executive oversight and guidance to the secretariat of the Alliance.

A small secretariat will provide the Alliance with organizational and logistical support in its events and activities. The use of the latest web-based collaborative technologies will minimize the need for physical meetings.

For additional information on the Global Alliance for ICT and Development you can visit the ICT Task Force website at <http://www.unicttaskforce.org>

Civil Society Forum to the ECOSOC High-level Segment 29 - 30 June 2006 Geneva

The Conference of NGOs (CONGO), an NGO in consultative status with the United Nations is organizing in collaboration with the NGO Section of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), and the NGO Liaison Office of the UN-Office in Geneva, a “Civil Society Forum to the ECOSOC High-level Segment”, to be held on 29-30 June 2006 in Geneva. The main

objective of this Forum is to attract NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC and other relevant Civil Society Organizations to make the best possible impact on the Member States’ deliberations at the 2006 High-level Segment of ECOSOC, to take place on 3-5 July 2006.

The Civil Society Forum will focus on the following main clusters:

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1. **Globalization and its impact on decent work, both in developing and developed countries (with a special focus on labour migration);**
2. **Creating an enabling environment at the national level conducive for growth and employment creation (with a special focus on the informal sector);**
3. **Employment for the women, the youth and the elderly;**
4. **Human rights and employment for vulnerable groups: indigenous peoples, people with disabilities and people living in post-crisis situations;**
5. **Employment in the rural and urban areas; and**
6. **New forms of employment (including e-employment).**

Every cluster will be organized around several workshops and will bring concrete

recommendations. These recommendations, which will be endorsed by the clusters and the plenary, will give NGOs and Civil Society representatives the opportunity to participate and interact with Member States at the High-level Segment of ECOSOC. For further information, please contact Ms. Hanifa Mezoui, Chief, NGO Section of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs at (212) 963-8652, or by e-mail at mezoui@un.org

C. Past Events

➤ On 4-5 April 2006, the Economic and Social Council organized an **Informal Preparatory Meeting for the High-level Segment**. This event brought together Member States, UN agencies, NGOs, Civil Society representatives, the private sector and the academia. Throughout the preparatory meeting, the importance of productivity and economic growth as a primary condition for the creation of full and productive employment was underscored. The topics of Capital investment, including human capital; Productivity growth, involving upgrading the knowledge and technological base; The need for a conducive national environment supportive of entrepreneurship and foreign investment, as well as other issues were discussed. If you wish to read the President's Summary of the Preparatory Meeting, statements of speakers and download the programme of the event, please visit the internet page of the Preparatory Meeting at

<http://www.un.org/docs/ecosoc/meetings/2006/hls2006/Preparatory/preparatory.html>

➤ **The ECOSOC NGO Forum** this year was held in two parts; while NGO Forum Part I was held on 6 April 2006, NGO Forum Part II incorporating infpoverty as a theme titled, "VI Infopov-erty World Conference" was held on 20-21 April 2006. Active participation to the NGO Forum was facilitated by the two pilot countries of the United Nations Public Private Alliance for Rural Development, the Republic of Madagascar and the Dominican Republic. The NGO Forum brought forth participation, recommendations and contributions through videoconferencing and teleconference links from parallel sessions being held in 8 cities: ITA in Moscow; Sambaina in Madagascar; Milan-Politecnio and European Parliament from Milan, Italy; Arusha-Tanzania; Window Rock-Navajo Nation, Sao Paulo, Brazil; Peru; and United Nations, New York. The NGO Forum in New York was attended by 173 representatives of over 135 organizations. The multi-stakeholder participation brought contributions of civil society and major stakeholders to the 2006 High-level Segment of

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ECOSOC. The outcome of this meeting will be presented at the High-level Segment of ECOSOC (3-5 July 2006) at Geneva in the form of a coalition statement. The NGO Forum was well attended by a series of distinguished people, among them were the United States Congresswoman, Ms. Loretta Sanchez of California, and the United States Senator, Mr. John Kerry from Massachusetts. For more information, please download the summary of the ECOSOC NGO Forum at <http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/un-other/unpan023068.pdf>

➤ On 24 April 2006, the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) held its ninth annual special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. This meeting addressed the overall theme of “Coherence, coordination and cooperation in the context of the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus and the 2005 World Summit Outcome”. The speakers focused on the following four sub-themes: (i) Implementation of and support for National Development Strategies, towards the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals; (ii) Fulfilling the development dimension of the Doha Work Programme: Next steps, including in the area of “Aid for Trade; (iii) External debt: Implementing and building on current initiatives to enhance debt sustainability; and (iv) Supporting the development efforts of middle-income developing countries. For more information, please visit the internet page of the meeting at <http://www.un.org/docs/ecosoc/meetings/2006/bwi2006/index.html>, or download the detailed President’s summary of the event at <http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/ECOSOC-2006-Summary.doc>

➤ On 8-9 May 2006, the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs organized in collaboration with the Economic and Social Council and the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) Foundation, a Development Forum on Productive Employment and Decent Work. This event was the second in a series launched by DESA on the annual theme of the High-level Segment of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). The Development Forum featured renowned specialists and practitioners on issues of employment and decent work from academia, civil society, the private sector and the United Nations system. The dialogue at the Forum focused on the complex issues surrounding unemployment and concentrated on policy guidance for solutions in support of the preparations for the 2006 High-level Segment of ECOSOC. For more information, please visit the internet page of the meeting at <http://www.un.org/docs/ecosoc/meetings/2006/forum/Forum.htm>

➤ The 2006 resumed session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations was held from 10 to 19 May 2006 at United Nations Headquarters in New York. The 19 Member-Committee had before it 96 applications for consultative status with ECOSOC, including applications deferred from previous sessions. The Committee recommended 55 applications for consultative status, deferred 37 organizations for further consideration to a later date. In addition, the Committee took note of 33 quadrennial reports submitted by organizations in status and reclassified one organization to a higher category. In accordance with ECOSOC resolution 1996/31, of 25 July 1996, paragraph 32(a) and rule 84 of the Council’s rule of procedure, the Committee took note of the request made by 5 coalitions and 31 non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council, to be heard by the Council in connection with items on the provisional agenda of the 2006 substantive session of the Council. For further information, please contact Ms. Hanifa Mezoui, Chief, NGO Section of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs at (212) 963-8652, or by e-mail at mezoui@un.org

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D. Noteworthy

ECOSOC and the Organizational Committee of the United Nations Peacebuilding Commission. (8 and 12 May 2006)

On 8 May 2006, the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) made a decision on the distribution of the seven seats allocated to it on the Organizational Committee of the United Nations Peacebuilding Commission. By the terms of a draft resolution adopted without a vote (document E/2006/L.2/Rev.2), the Economic and Social Council decided that the five of its seven seats on the Organizational Committee would be given to each of the five regional groups: African States, Asian States, Eastern European States, Latin American and Caribbean States, and Western European and Other States. For the purpose of the first election, the two remaining seats shall be allocated to the regional groups of African States and Asian States.

Members of ECOSOC are elected to the Organizational Committee for a two-year term, with the possibility, as applicable, of sharing the term within the concerned regional group for the seats allocated to it, subject to the concurrence of the Council. It was also decided that elections from among the Council's members to the Organizational Committee would be held every other year and that the rules of procedure and established practice for the election of members of its subsidiary bodies would apply to those elections.

On 12 May 2006, the Council officially elected Angola, Guinea-Bissau, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Poland, Brazil and Belgium to the Peacebuilding Commission's Organizational Committee.

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