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Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-sixth session

Draft report

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Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission for Social Development held its fifty-sixth session at United Nations Headquarters on 10 February 2017 and from 29 January to 7 February 2018. The Commission held [] meetings (1st to []).

B. Attendance

2. The session was attended by representatives of [] States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-Member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. A list of participants is contained in document [E/CN.5/2018/INF/1](#).

C. Election of officers

3. In its decision 2002/210, the Economic and Social Council decided that, immediately following the closure of a regular session, the Commission would hold the first meeting of its subsequent regular session for the sole purpose of electing the new Chair and other members of the Bureau.

4. At its 1st meeting, on 10 February 2017, the Commission elected, by acclamation, Yao Shaojun (China) and Bruno Ríos Sánchez (Mexico) as Vice-Chairs of the fifty-sixth session.



5. At its 2nd meeting, on 29 January 2018, the Commission elected, by acclamation, Nikulás Hannigan (Iceland) as Chair of the fifty-sixth session of the Commission.

6. At the same meeting, the Commission elected, by acclamation, Lot Thauzeni Pansipadana Dzonzi (Malawi) and Mihaela Mecea (Romania) as Vice-Chairs of the fifty-sixth session of the Commission.

7. Also at the same meeting, the Commission designated the Vice-Chair of the Commission, Mihaela Mecea (Romania), as Rapporteur of the fifty-sixth session.

8. The Bureau of the Commission at its fifty-sixth session was composed as follows:

Chair:

Nikulás Hannigan (Iceland)

Vice-Chairs:

Lot Thauzeni Pansipadana Dzonzi (Malawi)

Yao Shaojun (China)

Bruno Ríos Sánchez (Mexico)

Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur:

Mihaela Mecea (Romania)

D. Agenda and organization of work

9. At its 2nd meeting, on 29 January 2018, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda contained in document [E/CN.5/2018/1](#) and [E/CN.5/2018/1/Corr.1](#). The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly:
 - (a) Priority theme: strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all;
 - (b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups:
 - (i) World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons;
 - (ii) Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities;
 - (iii) World Programme of Action for Youth;
 - (iv) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002;
 - (v) Family issues, policies and programmes;
 - (c) Emerging issues: towards sustainable and resilient societies: innovation and interconnectivity for social development.
4. Programme questions and other matters.
5. Provisional agenda for the fifty-seventh session of the Commission.
6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-sixth session.

10. At the same meeting, the Commission approved its organization of work, as set out in annex I to document [E/CN.5/2018/1](#) and [E/CN.5/2018/1/Corr.1](#).

E. Documentation

11. The list of documents before the Commission at its fifty-sixth session is contained in annex [] to the present report.
