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Item 2 of the provisional agenda

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## **Annotations**

### **1. Election of officers**

In accordance with rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council, each year, at the commencement of its first meeting, the Committee elects its Chair and four Vice-Chairs. In accordance with rule 19, Bureau members are eligible for re-election. One Vice-Chair is later designated to also serve as Rapporteur.

### **2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters**

In accordance with rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Committee shall, at the beginning of each session, after the election of its officers, adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda. The provisional agenda for the current session was approved by the Council in its decision 2017/276.

### **3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations**

#### **(a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee**

The Committee will consider applications and requests for reclassification deferred from the sessions of previous years.

#### **Documentation**

Applications received from non-governmental organizations for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council deferred from previous sessions of the Committee held during the period 2008–2017 ([E/C.2/2018/CRP.1](#)) and requests for reclassification deferred from 2015–2017 ([E/C.2/2018/CRP.2](#)).

#### **(b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification**

The Committee will consider new applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification from non-governmental organizations and will act thereon.

#### **Documentation**

New applications received from non-governmental organizations for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council: memorandums by the Secretary-General ([E/C.2/2018/R.2](#) and R.2/Add.1–26).

Requests for reclassification: memorandum by the Secretary-General ([E/C.2/2018/R.3](#)).

**(c) Applications of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that have merged with non-governmental organizations without such consultative status**

The Committee considers new applications from non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council that have merged with non-governmental organizations without such consultative status.

**Documentation**

Request for a merger deferred from 2017: memorandum by the Secretary-General ([E/C.2/2018/CRP.3](#)).

**4. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council**

**(a) Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council**

**(b) Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council**

In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution [1996/31](#), organizations in consultative status with the Council are required to submit, every fourth year, a report on their activities relating to, or in support of, the United Nations. The Committee will consider deferred quadrennial reports (1998–2015) and quadrennial reports submitted for the 2013–2016 period.

**Documentation**

Compilation of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council deferred from previous sessions ([E/C.2/2018/CRP.4](#))

Quadrennial reports for the 2013–2016 period: notes by the Secretary-General ([E/C.2/2018/2](#) and Add.1–31)

**5. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat**

The Secretariat will report orally on the item.

**6. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution [1996/31](#), including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision [1995/304](#)**

**(a) Process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations**

**(b) Consideration of issues on the agenda of the informal working group**

At its 2000 session, the Committee established an informal working group, open to all members of the Committee, to review its methods of work, including accreditation issues, procedures, coordination with the secretariat of the Commission on Human Rights, enhancement of the non-governmental organizations information process and security issues.

**(c) Other related matters**

Organizations requesting a change of name.

**Documentation**

Compilation of requests for change of name received by the Secretariat ([E/C.2/2018/CRP.5](#))

**7. Consideration of special reports**

**8. General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network**

In its decision 2002/225, the Council established the general voluntary trust fund and requested the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch to identify and obtain the necessary financial, human and technical resources needed to carry out, in partnership with non-governmental organizations, Governments and other interested stakeholders, the development projects envisaged in the future framework of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network.

The Secretariat will report orally thereon.

**9. Provisional agenda and documentation for the 2019 session of the Committee**

In its resolution 1894 (LVII), the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit at each session of a subsidiary body of the Council a draft provisional agenda for its following session, together with information relating to documentation.

**10. Adoption of the report of the Committee**

The Committee is required to report to the Council on its regular session.

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