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Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chair of the Commission, Ms. Susanne Fries-Gaier (Germany), on the basis of informal consultations

The Commission for Social Development recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Future organization and methods of work of the Commission for Social Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 2005/11 of 21 July 2005 and 2006/18 of 26 July 2006 and 2008/19 of 24 July 2008 on the future organization and methods of work of the Commission for Social Development,

Recalling also its resolution 2010/10 of 22 July 2010, in which it noted the usefulness of identifying the theme for the 2013-2014 review and policy cycle during the fiftieth session of the Commission,

1. *Reaffirms* that the current practice of discussing one core issue over a two-year period has allowed the Commission for Social Development to go into greater depth by also addressing related cross-cutting issues and emerging issues relevant to the theme under discussion;
2. *Decides* to maintain the two-year review and policy cycle;
3. *Reaffirms* that the officers elected to the Bureau of the Commission should continue to be elected for a term of office of two years, in parallel with the review and policy cycle;
4. *Decides* that the priority theme for the 2013-2014 review and policy cycle should be “Promoting empowerment of people in achieving poverty eradication, social integration and full employment and decent work for all”;



5. *Stresses* the importance of identifying relevant subthemes within the priority theme, in order to focus interventions and discussions, and of taking into account cross-cutting issues during the next sessions of the Commission for Social Development;

6. *Decides* that the Commission should utilize, as appropriate, its agenda item on emerging issues to promote consideration of relevant issues on the agenda of the Economic and Social Council, including the theme of the annual ministerial review;

7. *Invites* all relevant stakeholders to continue to participate in the work of the Commission at an appropriately high level;

8. *Decides* that the Commission should keep its methods of work under review, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Commission for Social Development at its fifty-first session on ways and means to strengthen its work, taking into account the views of Member States.
