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Consumer protection

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 39/248 of 9 April 1995, in which  
the Assembly adopted guidelines for consumer protection,

Recalling also its own resolutions 1988/61 of 27 July 1988 and 1990/85 of  
27 July 1990, as well as resolution 48/7 of 23 April 1992 of the Economic and  
Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, 1/ in which Governments were urged  
to implement the guidelines for consumer protection and the Secretary-General  
was requested to provide assistance to Governments in that regard,

Noting that the Commission on Sustainable Development, 2/ at its  
third session, recommended that the guidelines for consumer protection be  
expanded to include guidelines for sustainable consumption patterns,

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1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1992,  
Supplement No. 11 (E/1992/31), chap. IV.

2/ Ibid., 1995, Supplement No. 12 (E/1995/32), chap. I, para. 45,  
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Aware that the need for assistance in the area of consumer protection, particularly in developing countries, remains great,

1. Commends the Secretary-General for his report on consumer protection, 3/ prepared pursuant to Council resolution 1990/85, containing information on the efforts currently being undertaken within the United Nations system to promote the implementation of the guidelines for consumer protection;

2. Notes with appreciation the impact the guidelines have had in the decade since their adoption in promoting just, equitable and sustainable economic and social development through their implementation by Governments;

3. Recognizes the role of non-governmental organizations in promoting the implementation of the guidelines;

4. Urges all Governments to continue their efforts to implement the guidelines for consumer protection, create the appropriate legal framework and establish the means to develop, implement and monitor policies and programmes for consumer protection;

5. Requests the Secretary-General, in cooperation with the development funds and programmes of the United Nations, the regional commissions and other relevant bodies and agencies of the United Nations system, to continue to provide assistance to Governments, at their request, in implementing the guidelines for consumer protection, to elaborate targeted guidelines in the area of sustainable consumption patterns and to examine the extension of the guidelines into other areas, such as public utilities and services, including financial services;

6. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the Council at its substantive session of 1997 on the implementation of the present resolution.

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