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1996/215. Public administration and development

At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 2 April 1996, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Group of Experts on Public Administration and Finance on its twelfth meeting 1/ and the report of the Secretary-General on public administration and development 2/ and decided to transmit them to the General Assembly at its resumed fiftieth session for further consideration.

1996/216. Applications for consultative status received from non-governmental organizations

At its 4th plenary meeting, on 2 May 1996, the Economic and Social Council decided to grant the following non-governmental organizations consultative status:

Category II

ISIS International (Chile)

ISIS International Women's Information and Communication Service

1996/217. Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, categories I and II

At its 4th plenary meeting, on 2 May 1996, the Economic and Social Council decided that, pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 40 (b) of Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) of 23 May 1968, the consultative status of the following 12 organizations, which had failed to submit a detailed report on their activities for the period 1988-1991, as requested by the Committee in 1993, 3/ be withdrawn:

Africa Institute of Private International Law

Africa Union of Architects

Association de coopération internationale au développement-Organisation pour la recherche appliquée au développement

Balkan-ji-Bari International

Geneva Informal Meeting of International Youth NGOs (GIM)

International Federation of Landscape Architects

International New Towns Association

International Study Center for Children and Families

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1/ A/50/525-E/1995/122, annex.

2/ A/50/847-E/1996/7.

3/ E/1993/63, para. 32.

Latin American Association of Development Organizations  
Latin American Council of Catholic Women  
Pan-American Federation of Engineering Societies  
World Federation of Development Financing Institutions

1996/218. Applications from organizations of indigenous people not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council for participation in the open-ended inter-sessional Working Group of the Commission on Human Rights to elaborate a draft declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples

At its 4th plenary meeting, on 2 May 1996, the Economic and Social Council decided to approve the participation of the following 12 organizations of indigenous people not in consultative status with the Council in the open-ended inter-sessional Working Group of the Commission on Human Rights, whose establishment was authorized by the Council in resolution 1995/32 of 25 July 1995:

Asociación Socio-Económico de Productores Indígenas del Tawantinsuyu "ASEPIITA" (Bolivia)  
Centro Cultural de Jóvenes Aymaras de Larecaja (Bolivia)  
Chittagong Hill Tracts Peace Campaign (India)  
Confederación Indígena del Oriente, Chaco y Amazonía de Bolivia (Bolivia)  
Confederación Sindical Unica de Trabajadores Campesinos de Bolivia (Bolivia)  
Indian Confederation of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples (India)  
Innu Nation and Mamit Innuat (Canada)  
Lumad Mindanaw Peoples Federation (Philippines)  
Movimiento Indio "Tupaj Katari" (Bolivia)  
Movimiento Revolucionario Tupac-Katary de Liberación (Bolivia)  
New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council (Australia)  
Tribal Communities Association of the Philippines (Philippines)

1996/219. Provisional agenda for the session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to be held in 1996

At its 4th plenary meeting, on 2 May 1996, the Economic and Social Council approved the provisional agenda set out below for the session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to be held in 1996.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO BE HELD IN 1996

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations:
  - (a) Applications for consultative status referred back to the Committee by the Economic and Social Council or deferred by the Committee at its 1995 session;
  - (b) New applications for consultative status.
4. Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, categories I and II.
5. Implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/304:
  - (a) Review of arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations;
  - (b) Review of methods of work of the Committee.
6. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

1996/220. World Commission on Culture and Development

At its 4th plenary meeting, on 2 May 1996, the Economic and Social Council, recalling General Assembly resolution 46/158 of 19 December 1991 and taking note of the letter dated 16 April 1996 from the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, 4/ decided to transmit to the General Assembly for consideration at its fifty-first session the report of the World Commission on Culture and Development entitled Our Creative Diversity.

1996/221. Enlargement of the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

At its 4th plenary meeting, on 2 May 1996, the Economic and Social Council, recalling General Assembly resolution 1166 (XII) of 26 November 1957, in which the Assembly provided for the establishment of an Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, as well as Assembly resolutions 1958 (XVIII) of 12 December 1963, 2294 (XXII) of 11 December 1967, 36/121 D of 10 December 1981, 42/130 of 7 December 1987, 45/138 of 14 December 1990, 48/115 of 20 December 1993 and 49/171 of 23 December 1994, in which the Assembly provided for subsequent increases in the membership of the Executive Committee, took note of the request regarding the enlargement of the Executive Committee contained in the note verbale dated

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4/ E/1996/41.

11 April 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General 5/ and the note verbale dated 12 April 1996 from the Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, 6/ and recommended that the Assembly take a decision at its fifty-first session on the question of increasing the membership of the Executive Committee.

#### 1996/222. Elections and nominations

At its 4th to 7th meetings, on 2 and 3 May 1996, the Council took the following action with regard to vacancies in its subsidiary and related bodies:

##### COMMISSION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

The following 15 Member States were elected for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1997: BANGLADESH, BELGIUM, CHINA, ETHIOPIA, FRANCE, ITALY, JAMAICA, LIBERIA, MALAWI, NAMIBIA, NETHERLANDS, POLAND, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, SWEDEN and ZAMBIA.

The PHILIPPINES was elected for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1999.

The Council postponed to a future session the election of one member from Asian States, one member from Eastern European States and two members from Latin American and Caribbean States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1997.

The Council also postponed to a future session the election of one member from African States and one member from Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1999.

##### STATISTICAL COMMISSION

The following eight Member States were elected for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1997: CZECH REPUBLIC, INDIA, JAMAICA, JAPAN, MEXICO, NETHERLANDS, PORTUGAL and UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND.

COLOMBIA was elected for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1999.

##### COMMISSION ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The Council, pursuant to its decision 1995/320 of 12 December 1995, in which it decided to increase the membership of the Commission on Population and Development from 27 to 47, elected the following five Member States for a term beginning on the date of election: ALGERIA, CONGO, LESOTHO, UGANDA and ZAMBIA. 7/

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5/ E/1996/20.

6/ E/1996/21.

7/ The other 15 new members of the Commission were elected by the Council at its organizational session for 1996 (see decision 1996/201).

The Council then drew lots to determine the initial terms of office of the 20 new members of the Commission. It was thus decided that the following eight States would serve for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1998: ALGERIA, CONGO, EL SALVADOR, IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF), MALTA, PERU, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC and THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA; the following seven States would serve for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1997: ITALY, LESOTHO, PHILIPPINES, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, UKRAINE, VENEZUELA and ZAMBIA; and the following five States would serve for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1996: CUBA, FINLAND, NEPAL, PAKISTAN and UGANDA.

The following 10 Member States were elected for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1997: BANGLADESH, BELGIUM, CAMEROON, CANADA, COTE D'IVOIRE, ETHIOPIA, GERMANY, HUNGARY, PANAMA and TURKEY.

The Council postponed to a future session the election of two members from Asian States and two members from Latin American and Caribbean States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1997.

#### COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The following 10 Member States were elected for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1997: CANADA, CHILE, CHINA, FINLAND, INDIA, JAMAICA, MALAWI, NETHERLANDS, POLAND and SOUTH AFRICA.

#### COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

The following 15 Member States were elected for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1997: ARGENTINA, AUSTRIA, CAPE VERDE, CHINA, CZECH REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, GERMANY, INDONESIA, IRELAND, ITALY, JAPAN, MOZAMBIQUE, SOUTH AFRICA, URUGUAY and ZAIRE.

#### COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

The following 11 Member States were elected for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1997: ETHIOPIA, FRANCE, GERMANY, GHANA, JAPAN, MOROCCO, PARAGUAY, PERU, POLAND, THAILAND and UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHER IRELAND.

#### COMMISSION ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The following 17 Member States were elected for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1997: AUSTRIA, BOLIVIA, COLOMBIA, FIJI, JAMAICA, JAPAN, LESOTHO, NETHERLANDS, PAKISTAN, PHILIPPINES, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SUDAN, SWEDEN, SWAZILAND, TUNISIA, UKRAINE and ZAMBIA.

The Council postponed to a future session the election of three members from African States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1997.

## COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The following 16 Member States were elected for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1997: BULGARIA, CANADA, DJIBOUTI, EGYPT, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRELAND, JAPAN, MEXICO, NIGER, PANAMA, SLOVAKIA, SUDAN, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and VENEZUELA.

## COMMISSION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT

The Council postponed to a future session the election of two members from Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND

CANADA withdrew from the Board and was replaced by NEW ZEALAND for a term expiring on 31 December 1998.

The following 11 Member States were elected for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1997: BELGIUM, CAPE VERDE, CZECH REPUBLIC, GERMANY, INDONESIA, ITALY, JAMAICA, NICARAGUA, NIGERIA, OMAN and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME/ UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND

CANADA withdrew from the Board and was replaced by AUSTRALIA for a term expiring on 31 December 1998; SPAIN withdrew from the Board and was replaced by FRANCE for a term expiring on 31 December 1997.

The following 11 Member States were elected for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1997: ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, AUSTRIA, BRAZIL, GUINEA, JAPAN, LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA, NORWAY, PAKISTAN, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, THAILAND and UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME

FINLAND withdrew from the Board and was replaced by DENMARK for a term expiring on 31 December 1998. SWEDEN withdrew from the Board and was replaced by UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND for a term expiring on 31 December 1998.

The following four Member States were elected for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1997: BELGIUM, IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF), JAPAN and MEXICO.

The Council postponed to a future session the election of two members from African States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1997.



INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP OF EXPERTS ON INTERNATIONAL  
STANDARDS OF ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING

The following 12 States were elected for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1997: CHINA, FRANCE, GABON, ITALY, KENYA, MALAWI, NAMIBIA, NETHERLANDS, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND and UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND.

The Council postponed to a future session the election of one member from African States, two members from Asian States and two members from Latin American and Caribbean States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1997.

The Council also postponed to a future session the election of one member from African States and two members from Latin American and Caribbean States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1997 and one member from Latin American and Caribbean States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1996.

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

The following nine experts were elected for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1997: Ivan Antanovich (Belarus), Dumitru Ceausu (Romania), Oscar Ceville (Panama), Abdessatar Grissa (Tunisia), María de los Angeles Jiménez Butragueño (Spain), Ariranga Govindasamy Pillay (Mauritius), Kenneth Osborne Rattray (Jamaica), Walid M. Sa'di (Jordan) and Philippe Texier (France).

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

The following three experts were elected for a term beginning on 1 January 1997: Malin Falkenmark (Sweden), Li Yuwei (China) and Karlheinz Rieck (Germany). It was decided that the following seven States would nominate experts for a term beginning on 1 January 1997: EGYPT, GHANA, KENYA, MALAWI, NETHERLANDS, NIGERIA and ZAMBIA.

The Council postponed to a future session the election of four experts from Asian States, three experts from Eastern European States, four experts from Latin American and Caribbean States and three experts from Western European and other States.

COMMITTEE ON NEW AND RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY  
AND ON ENERGY FOR DEVELOPMENT

The following three experts were elected for a term beginning on 1 January 1997: Zhang Guocheng (China), Paul-Georg Gutermuth (Germany) and Wolfgang Hein (Austria). It was decided that the Netherlands would nominate an expert for a term beginning on 1 January 1997.

The Council postponed to a future session the election of six experts from African States, four experts from Asian States, three experts from Eastern European States, four experts from Latin American and Caribbean States and three experts from Western European and other States.

INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD

The Council, from among the candidates nominated by the World Health Organization, elected Nelia P. Cortés-Maramba (Philippines) and A. Hamid Ghodse (Islamic Republic of Iran) for a five-year term beginning on 2 March 1997.

The Council, from among the candidates nominated by Governments, elected C. Chakrabarty (India), Jacques Franquet (France), Dil Jan Khan (Pakistan), Alfonso Gomez Mendez (Colombia) and Herbert S. Okun (United States of America) for a five-year term beginning on 2 March 1997.

COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND COORDINATION

The Council, in accordance with its resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976 and General Assembly decision 42/450 of 17 December 1987, nominated the following Member States for election by the General Assembly at its fifty-first session for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1997:

(a) African States (four vacancies): CAMEROON, CONGO, NIGERIA and ZIMBABWE;

(b) Asian States (four vacancies): INDONESIA, IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF), PAKISTAN and THAILAND;

(c) Eastern European States (three vacancies): BULGARIA, POLAND, ROMANIA and UKRAINE;

(d) Latin American and Caribbean States (four vacancies): ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, NICARAGUA and TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO;

(e) Western European and other States (five vacancies): GERMANY, NETHERLANDS and UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND.

The Council postponed to a future session the nomination of two members from Western European and other States.

1996/223. Accreditation of non-governmental organizations to the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

At its 6th plenary meeting, on 3 May 1996, the Economic and Social Council, pursuant to General Assembly decision 50/477 of 3 April 1996, decided not to accredit to the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) the following three non-governmental organizations: Taiwan International Alliance, Canada Tibet Committee and Tibetan Rights Campaign. 8/

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8/ See A/CONF.165/PC.3/2/Add.4 and Corr.1, annex II.