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COORDINATION QUESTIONS: JOINT AND CO-SPONSORED UNITED
NATIONS PROGRAMME ON HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS/
ACQUIRED IMMUNODEFICIENCY SYNDROME

Algeria*, Argentina, Australia, Austria*, Belgium*, Botswana*,
Canada, Cape Verde*, Chile, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba*,
Denmark*, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guyana,
Ireland, Luxembourg, Malawi*, Mozambique*, Netherlands, Nigeria*,
Portugal, Spain*, Sweden, Switzerland*, Uganda, United Kingdom of
Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania
and Zambia*: draft resolution

Report of the Joint and Co-sponsored United Nations
Programme on the Human Immunodeficiency Virus/
Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1994/24, by which it endorsed the establishment of the Joint and Co-sponsored United Nations Programme on the Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome,

Taking note of the report of the Executive Director of the Programme, 1/

Noting with satisfaction the progress achieved since 1 January 1996 in the implementation of the activities of the Programme,

* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

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Noting with concern that human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) has devastating social, economic and other related impacts on the population of the affected countries,

Noting with concern the need for adequate resources to be made available by the co-sponsors and the international community in the fight against HIV/AIDS,

Noting further the need for more focused and in-depth consideration by the Council of the issue of HIV/AIDS and its impact,

1. Invites the Secretary-General to play an active advocacy role in regard to the serious threat posed by the spread of the human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in order to raise global awareness and thus help to prevent the further spread of HIV/AIDS;

2. Urges that the United Nations Secretariat provide full and effective support in the fight against HIV/AIDS by, inter alia, participating in the work of the Committee of Co-sponsoring Organizations and the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint and Co-sponsored United Nations Programme on the Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome as an observer;

3. Requests the Council to include on its agenda in alternate years, beginning in 1997, the item "Report on the work of the Joint and Co-sponsored United Nations Programme on the Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome";

4. Requests the Secretary-General, in collaboration with all relevant specialized agencies, the United Nations Secretariat and other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, to submit a comprehensive report to the Council at its substantive session of 1997, and thereafter on a biennial basis, on the progress made in the fight against HIV/AIDS; its impact on the countries affected; and the implementation of the present resolution;

5. Recommends that HIV/AIDS and its social, economic and related impacts on the overall development process be considered as a possible theme for the high-level segment of the Council at its substantive session of 1997;

6. Appeals to the co-sponsors, the international community and the countries affected to increase substantially their contribution to the Programme and to the resources needed for the fight against HIV/AIDS.
