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Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

**Draft decision submitted by the Vice-President of the Council,
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Theme of the humanitarian affairs segment of the 2024 session of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council decides:

(a) That the theme of the humanitarian affairs segment of its 2024 session will be “Putting humanity first in the face of conflicts and climate change: strengthening humanitarian assistance and respect for international humanitarian law, and promoting effectiveness, innovation and partnerships”;

(b) That it will convene four panel discussions under the segment;

(c) To take note of the proposed topics for the panel discussions under the segment:

(i) “The seventy-fifth anniversary of the Geneva Conventions: reversing the erosion of respect for international humanitarian law and its humanitarian consequences”;

(ii) “Addressing the adverse impacts of climate change in humanitarian emergencies”;

(iii) “Embracing innovation and adapting new technology in humanitarian assistance”;

(iv) “Transformative humanitarian action: women and girls at the centre of prevention, response and protection”.

