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Agenda item 3

Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its second session

Draft report

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Chapter ____ . Organizational matters

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Preparatory Committee held its second session at United Nations Headquarters from 3 to 14 April and _____ 2000. The Preparatory Committee held ____ meetings (1st to ____) and a number of informal meetings.

2. The session was opened by the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee, Cristian Maquieira (Chile).

B. Attendance

3. The following States were represented: Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador,

Egypt, Estonia, Finland, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Guyana, Haiti, Holy See, Hungary, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Viet Nam and Zambia.

4. Palestine, an entity maintaining a permanent observer mission at Headquarters, was also represented.

5. The following United Nations bodies were represented: Economic Commission for Africa and Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS.

6. The following specialized agencies were represented: International Labour Organization, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, World Health Organization, International Monetary Fund, World Intellectual Property Organization, International Fund for Agricultural Development and United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

7. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented: Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee, Commonwealth of Independent States, Council of Europe, European Community, International Organization of la Francophonie, Organization of African Unity, Organization of the Islamic Conference and Organization of American States.

8. The International Committee of the Red Cross and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, entities invited to participate in the sessions and work of the General Assembly, were also represented by observers.

9. In accordance with decision 7 of the Preparatory Committee, adopted at its organizational session in May 1998, a number of non-governmental organizations also attended the session.

C. Officers

10. The officers of the Preparatory Committee, elected at its organizational session in 1998, remained:

Chairman:

Cristian Maquieira (Chile)

Vice-Chairman with rapporteurial responsibilities:

Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran)

Vice-Chairmen:

Abdallah Baali (Algeria)

Ion Gorita (Romania)

Koos Richelle (Netherlands)

11. Zola Skweyiya (South Africa), Chairman of the Commission for Social Development, replaced Aurelio Fernandez (Spain), former Chairman of the Commission, as ex officio member of the Bureau.

D. Agenda

12. At its 1st meeting, on 3 April, the Preparatory Committee adopted its provisional agenda, contained in document A/AC.253/12. The agenda was as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
2. Status of preparations for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world":
 - (a) Consideration of the draft provisional agenda of the special session of the General Assembly;
 - (b) Consideration of the draft final document of the special session;
 - (c) Consideration of any other proposals to be submitted to the General Assembly at its special session;
 - (d) Other matters.
3. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its second session.

E. Accreditation of non-governmental organizations

13. At its 2nd meeting, on 4 April, the Preparatory Committee, pursuant to its decision 7 adopted at its organizational session, accredited the non-governmental organizations listed in the annex to document A/AC.253/26 for participation in the preparatory process.

F. Documentation

14. The Preparatory Committee had before it the following documents:

- (a) Provisional agenda (A/AC.253/12);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development (A/AC.253/13-E/CN.5/2000/2);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General containing a report on a symposium on the theme "States, markets and social progress: roles and cooperation of the public and private sectors", held in Beijing from 11 to 13 October 1999 (A/AC.253/14-E/CN.5/2000/5);

(d) Note by the Secretary-General containing a report on a regional symposium on socio-economic policies during macroeconomic stabilization in countries with economies in transition, held at Ashgabat from 9 to 11 November 1999 (A/AC.253/15);

(e) Note by the Secretary-General circulating review reports and proposals for further action and initiatives submitted by organs and specialized agencies of the United Nations system and other concerned organizations (A/AC.253/16 and Add.1-17);

(f) Report of the Secretary-General on progress achieved in the implementation of United Nations resolutions concerning the right of self-determination (A/AC.253/17);

(g) Letter dated 11 February 2000 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee for the special session (A/AC.253/18);

(h) Note by the Secretariat on the draft provisional agenda and organizational matters for the special session (A/AC.253/19);

(i) Note by the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee on establishment of the list of speakers for the debate in plenary of the special session (A/AC.253/20);

(j) Report of the Secretary-General on the development of guidelines on the role and social responsibilities of the private sector (A/AC.253/21);

(k) Report of the Secretary-General on the acceleration of development in Africa and the least developed countries (A/AC.253/22);

(l) Report of the Secretary-General on promoting social integration in post-conflict situations (A/AC.253/23);

(m) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting a report on a seminar on values and market economies (A/AC.253/24);

(n) Report of the Secretary-General on the impact of globalization on social development (A/AC.253/25);

(o) Note by the Secretariat on the participation of non-governmental organizations (A/AC.253/26);

(p) Report of the Secretary-General assessing the social impact of economic measures taken in response to financial crises in developing countries (A/AC.253/27);

(q) Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Resources for social development: additional and innovative measures" (A/AC.253/28);

(r) Proposed outcome: revised text submitted by the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee (A/AC.253/L.5/Rev.2 (Parts I-III));

(s) Note by the Secretariat on the proposed organization of work (A/AC.253/L.14 and Rev.1);

(t) Draft decisions submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Preparatory Committee, Koos Richelle (Netherlands), on the basis of informal consultations, entitled "Draft provisional agenda and organizational matters for the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly" (A/AC.253/L.15 and 16);

(u) Note by the Secretariat containing a compilation of the summaries and proposals for further action provided by the United Nations system (A/AC.253/CRP.2).