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Non-governmental organizations

Draft decision submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, M. Martin Belinga-Eboutou (Cameroon), on the basis of informal consultations

Follow-up to the twenty-third and twenty-fourth special sessions of the General Assembly

The Economic and Social Council,

Acting in conformity with the provisions of paragraph 53 of its resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996,

Taking into account the fact that no further meetings of the Economic and Social Council are scheduled at which it would be possible to consider relevant recommendations from its Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations,

Decides, on an exceptional basis and as an interim measure, to invite those non-governmental organizations accredited to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly and/or the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly to attend the forty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women and the thirty-ninth session of the Commission on Social Development, provided that they have started the process of applying for consultative status in accordance with Council decision 1996/315 of 14 November 1996.

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