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Agenda item 13 (g)

Public administration and development**Venezuela:* draft resolution****Public administration and development***The Economic and Social Council,**Recalling its resolution 2001/45 of 20 December 2001,*

1. *Takes note* of the report of the first meeting of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration;¹

2. *Also takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the role of public administration in the implementation of the United Nations Millennium Declaration,² and transmits it to the General Assembly for its review, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 56/213;

3. *Reiterates* that efficient, accountable, effective and transparent public administration, at both the national and international levels, has a key role to play in the implementation of the internationally agreed goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration, and in that context stresses the need to strengthen national public sector administrative and managerial capacity-building, in particular in developing countries and countries with economies in transition;

4. *Endorses* the recommendations of the Committee concerning the directions of the United Nations Programme in Public Administration, in particular the recommendations that future work of the United Nations on Public Administration should devote priority assistance to the special needs of Africa and that it be supportive of the initiatives undertaken in the context of the New Partnership for Africa's Development;

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2002, Supplement No. 24 (E/2002/84-E/CN.16/2002/8).*

² A/57/262-E/2002/82.

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to endeavour to hold a meeting of the Committee in 2003;

6. *Decides* to review the request of the Committee that it meet annually at its substantive session in July 2003.
