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### Commission for Social Development

#### Forty-first session

10-21 February 2003

Agenda item 6

#### Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-first session

### Draft report

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### Chapter \_\_. Organization of the session

#### A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission for Social Development held its forty-first session at United Nations Headquarters in New York on 27 February 2002 and from 10 to 21 February 2003. The Commission held \_\_\_\_ meetings (1st to \_\_\_\_).

#### B. Attendance

2. The session was attended by \_\_\_\_ States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. A list of participants is contained in annex \_\_\_\_ to the present report.

#### C. Election of officers

3. In subparagraph (c) of its decision 2002/210 of 13 February 2002, the Economic and Social Council decided that the Commission for Social Development, "immediately following the closure of a regular session, would hold the first meeting of its subsequent regular session for the sole purpose of electing the new Chairman and other members of the Bureau". In pursuance of that decision, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation at its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 27 February 2002 and 10 February 2003:

*Chairperson:* Mr. Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury (Bangladesh)

*Vice-Chairmen:* Ms. Alejandra Marta Ayuso (Argentina)

Ms. Paloma Durán (Spain)

Ms. Nicole J. Elisha (Benin)

Ms. Ivana Grollová (Czech Republic)

4. Also at its 2nd meeting, the Commission designated Nicole J. Elisha (Benin) Vice-Chairman with rapporteurial responsibilities.

#### **D. Agenda and organization of work**

5. At its 2nd meeting, on 10 February 2003, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document E/CN.5/2003/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly:
  - (a) Priority theme: "National and international cooperation for social development":
    - (i) Sharing of experiences and practices in social development;
    - (ii) Forging partnerships for social development;
    - (iii) Social responsibility of the private sector;
    - (iv) Impact of employment strategies on social development;
    - (v) Policies and role of international financial institutions and their effect on national social development strategies;
  - (b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups:
    - (i) Review of the global situation of youth;
    - (ii) Preparations for and observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family;
    - (iii) World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons;
    - (iv) Modalities for review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing.
4. Programme questions and other matters:
  - (a) Programme performance and implementation;
  - (b) Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2004-2005;
  - (c) United Nations Research Institute for Social Development.

5. Provisional agenda for the forty-second session of the Commission.
6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-first session.
6. Also at the 2nd meeting, the Commission approved its organization of work, as contained in document E/CN.5/2003/L.1.

#### **E. Documentation**

7. The documents before the Commission at its forty-first session are listed in annex \_\_\_\_ to the present report.
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