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Theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of the 2009 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council decides that:

- (a) The theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of its substantive session of 2009 would be “Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian assistance: present challenges and their impact on the future”;
- (b) It would convene two panels, the topics of which would be:
 - (i) “Respecting and implementing guiding principles of humanitarian assistance at the operational level — assisting the affected populations”;
 - (ii) “Addressing the impact of current global challenges and trends on the effective delivery of humanitarian assistance”.

