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#### Note by the Secretariat

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## Decisions adopted by the Council

<i>Number</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Meeting/date of adoption</i>
2013/201 E	Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments to subsidiary and related bodies of the Economic and Social Council ( <a href="#">E/2013/SR.51</a> )	1	51st plenary meeting 7 November 2013
2013/201 F	Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments to subsidiary and related bodies of the Economic and Social Council ( <a href="#">E/2013/SR.54</a> )	1	54th plenary meeting 16 December 2013
2013/257	Dates and venue for the twenty-eighth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names ( <a href="#">E/2013/L.40</a> and <a href="#">E/2013/SR.51</a> )	13 (k)	51st plenary meeting 7 November 2013
2013/258	Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its twelfth session ( <a href="#">E/2013/L.41</a> and <a href="#">E/2013/SR.51</a> )	14 (h)	51st plenary meeting 7 November 2013
2013/259	International expert group meeting on the theme “Sexual health and reproductive rights: articles 21, 22 (1), 23 and 24 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples” ( <a href="#">E/2013/43</a> , draft decision I, and <a href="#">E/2013/SR.51</a> )	14 (h)	51st plenary meeting 7 November 2013
2013/260	Venue and dates of the thirteenth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues ( <a href="#">E/2013/43</a> , draft decision II, and <a href="#">E/2013/SR.51</a> )	14 (h)	51st plenary meeting 7 November 2013
2013/261	Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its twelfth session and provisional agenda for its thirteenth session ( <a href="#">E/2013/43</a> , draft decision III, as orally corrected, and <a href="#">E/2013/SR.51</a> )	14 (h)	51st plenary meeting 7 November 2013
2013/262	Documentation considered by the Council in connection with the item on the high-level segment ( <a href="#">E/2013/54</a> , <a href="#">E/2013/72</a> and <a href="#">E/2013/SR.54</a> )	2 (b) and (c)	54th plenary meeting 16 December 2013
2013/263	Documentation considered by the Council in connection with economic and environmental questions ( <a href="#">E/2013/29</a> , <a href="#">E/CONF.103/46</a> and <a href="#">E/2013/SR.54</a> )	13 (a) and (k)	54th plenary meeting 16 December 2013
2013/264	Report of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management on its third session and provisional agenda and dates for the fourth session of the Committee ( <a href="#">E/2013/46</a> and <a href="#">E/2013/SR.54</a> )	13 (k)	54th plenary meeting 16 December 2013
2013/265	Transitional arrangements for the election of the Bureau of the Economic and Social Council ( <a href="#">E/2013/L.43</a> and <a href="#">E/2013/SR.54</a> )	1	54th plenary meeting 16 December 2013

## Decisions

### 2013/201 E

#### **Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments to subsidiary and related bodies of the Economic and Social Council**

At its 51st plenary meeting, on 7 November 2013, the Economic and Social Council took the following actions with regard to vacancies in its subsidiary and related bodies:

### **Elections**

#### **Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women**

*Members from the regional category, in accordance with Council resolution 2010/35*

The Council elected the following 18 Member States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2014 and expiring on 31 December 2016: **Australia, Bangladesh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, China, Colombia, Cuba, Equatorial Guinea, India, Japan, Liechtenstein, Poland, Republic of Korea, Senegal, Somalia, South Africa, Spain, Suriname and Togo.**

*Members from the top 10 contributing countries, in accordance with paragraph 61 (a) of General Assembly resolution [64/289](#)*

The Council elected the following four Member States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2014 and expiring on 31 December 2016: **Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.**

*Members from the top 10 contributing countries, in accordance with paragraph 61 (b) of General Assembly resolution [64/289](#)*

The Council elected **Mexico and Saudi Arabia** for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2014 and expiring on 31 December 2016.

*Resignation of members from the regional category, in accordance with Council resolution 2010/35*

The Council also elected the following Member States to replace members of the Executive Board who were resigning from their seats effective 1 January 2014: **Iceland**, to complete the term of office of Switzerland (expiring 31 December 2015); and **New Zealand**, to complete the term of Ireland (expiring 31 December 2015).

#### **International Narcotics Control Board**

The Council elected Alejandro Mohar **Betancourt** (Mexico) for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 1 March 2017, to fill a vacancy arising from the resignation of Mr. Jorge Montaña (Mexico).

## Nominations

### Committee of Experts on Public Administration

The Council approved the nomination by the Secretary-General of the following 24 experts for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2014 and expiring on 31 December 2017: Giuseppe Maria **Armenia** (Italy), Türksel Kaya **Bensghir** (Turkey), Rowena G. **Bethel** (Bahamas), José **Castelazo** (Mexico), Xiaochu **Dai** (China), Meredith **Edwards** (Australia), Walter **Fust** (Switzerland), Alexandre Navarro **Garcia** (Brazil), Angelita **Gregorio-Medel** (Philippines), Igor **Khalevinsky** (Russian Federation), Mushtaq **Khan** (Bangladesh), Francisco Longo **Martínez** (Spain), Palouki **Massina** (Togo), Paul **Oquist** (Nicaragua), Dalmas Anyango **Otieno** (Kenya), Marta **Oyhanarte** (Argentina), Eko **Prasojo** (Indonesia), Odette **Ramsingh** (South Africa), Allan **Rosenbaum** (United States of America), Margaret **Saner** (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Dona **Scola** (Republic of Moldova), Pontso Susan Matumelo **Sekatle** (Lesotho), Najat **Zarrouk** (Morocco) and Jan **Ziekow** (Germany).

## Elections postponed from previous sessions

### Commission on Population and Development

The Council elected **Romania** to fill an outstanding vacancy on the Commission for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's fiftieth session, in 2017.

The Council further postponed the election of one member from Asia-Pacific States and one member from Latin American and Caribbean States for terms beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's forty-ninth session, in 2016; one member from African States and one member from Asia-Pacific States for terms beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's fiftieth session, in 2017; and three members from Asia-Pacific States, two members from Eastern European States, three members from Latin American and Caribbean States and one member from Western European and other States for terms beginning at the first meeting of the Commission's forty-eighth session, in 2014, and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-first session, in 2018.

### Commission for Social Development

The Council elected **Romania** to fill an outstanding vacancy on the Commission for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-fifth session, in 2017.

The Council further postponed the election of one member from Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-fourth session, in 2016; and one member from Asia-Pacific States and three members from Western European and other States for terms beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-fifth session, in 2017.

**Commission on the Status of Women**

The Council elected **Egypt** to fill an outstanding vacancy on the Commission for a term beginning at the first meeting of the Commission's fifty-ninth session, in 2014, and expiring at the close of the Commission's sixty-second session, in 2018.

The Council also elected **Sudan** for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2016, to complete the term of office of Malawi, which had resigned from its seat effective 6 May 2013.

**Executive Board of the World Food Programme**

The Council elected **Spain** to fill an outstanding vacancy on the Executive Board from List D for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2014 and expiring on 31 December 2016.

**Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS**

The Council elected **Morocco** to fill an outstanding vacancy on the Programme Coordinating Board for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2014 and expiring on 31 December 2016.

The Council also elected **Denmark** for a term beginning on 1 January 2014 and expiring on 31 December 2014, to complete the term of office of Norway, which was resigning its seat on the Programme Coordinating Board effective 1 January 2014.

**Nominations postponed from previous sessions****Committee for Programme and Coordination**

The Council nominated **Morocco** for election by the General Assembly for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2014 and expiring on 31 December 2016.

The Council further postponed the nomination of two members from Western European and other States for terms beginning on the date of election by the General Assembly and expiring on 31 December 2014; one member from Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election by the Assembly and expiring on 31 December 2015; and one member from Asia-Pacific States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2014 and expiring on 31 December 2016.

**2013/201 F****Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments to subsidiary and related bodies of the Economic and Social Council****Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission**

At its 54th meeting, on 16 December 2013, the Council elected **Croatia** for a term beginning on 1 January 2014 and expiring on 31 December 2014, to fill a vacancy arising from the expiration of the term of Bulgaria as a council member elected to the Organizational Committee.

### **2013/257**

#### **Dates and venue for the twenty-eighth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names**

At its 51st plenary meeting, on 7 November 2013, the Economic and Social Council, recalling its decision 2012/260 of 26 November 2012, in which it had taken note of, inter alia, the report of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names on the work of its twenty-seventh session,<sup>1</sup> decided to hold the twenty-eighth session of the Group of Experts from 28 April to 2 May 2014 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

### **2013/258**

#### **Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its twelfth session**

At its 51st plenary meeting, on 7 November 2013, the Economic and Social Council, recalling its decision 2013/252 of 25 July 2013 deferring its consideration of the report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its twelfth session,<sup>2</sup> decided to request the Permanent Forum to continue the consideration of draft decision IV contained in the report and to inform the Council of the outcome.

### **2013/259**

#### **International expert group meeting on the theme “Sexual health and reproductive rights: articles 21, 22 (1), 23 and 24 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples”**

At its 51st plenary meeting, on 7 November 2013, the Economic and Social Council decided to authorize a three-day international expert group meeting on the theme “Sexual health and reproductive rights: articles 21, 22 (1), 23 and 24 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples”.

### **2013/260**

#### **Venue and dates of the thirteenth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues**

At its 51st plenary meeting, on 7 November 2013, the Economic and Social Council decided that the thirteenth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues would be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 12 to 23 May 2014.

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<sup>1</sup> E/2012/90.

<sup>2</sup> E/2013/43.

**2013/261****Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its twelfth session and provisional agenda for its thirteenth session**

At its 51st plenary meeting, on 7 November 2013, the Economic and Social Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its twelfth session;<sup>3</sup>

(b) Approved the provisional agenda for the thirteenth session of the Permanent Forum as set out below:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Special theme: “Principles of good governance consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: articles 3 to 6 and 46”.
4. Human rights:
  - (a) Implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;
  - (b) Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples.
5. Half-day discussion on the Asian region.
6. Half-day discussion on the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples.
7. Ongoing priorities and themes and follow-up:
  - (a) Indigenous children;
  - (b) Indigenous youth;
  - (c) Second International Decade of the World’s Indigenous People;
  - (d) Post-2015 development agenda.
8. Comprehensive dialogue with United Nations agencies and funds.
9. Future work of the Permanent Forum, including emerging issues.
10. Draft agenda for the fourteenth session of the Permanent Forum.
11. Adoption of the report of the Permanent Forum on its thirteenth session.

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<sup>3</sup> E/2012/43.

## **2013/262**

### **Documentation considered by the Council in connection with the item on the high-level segment**

At its 54th plenary meeting, on 16 December 2013, the Economic and Social Council took note of the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on science, technology and innovation, and the potential of culture, for promoting sustainable development and achieving the Millennium Development Goals;<sup>4</sup>

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the contribution of the Economic and Social Council to the elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda as a principal body for policy review, policy dialogue and recommendations on issues of economic and social development and for the follow-up to the Millennium Development Goals.<sup>5</sup>

## **2013/263**

### **Documentation considered by the Council in connection with economic and environmental questions**

At its 54th plenary meeting, on 16 December 2013, the Economic and Social Council took note of the following documents:

(a) Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its twentieth session;<sup>6</sup>

(b) Report of the tenth session of the United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas.<sup>7</sup>

## **2013/264**

### **Report of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management on its third session and provisional agenda and dates for the fourth session of the Committee**

At its 54th plenary meeting, on 16 December 2013, the Economic and Social Council:

(a) Took note of the report of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management on its third session;<sup>8</sup>

(b) Decided that the fourth session of the Committee of Experts would be held from 4 to 6 August 2014 at United Nations Headquarters in New York;

(c) Approved the provisional agenda and documentation for the fourth session of the Committee of Experts as set out below:

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<sup>4</sup> E/2013/54.

<sup>5</sup> E/2013/72.

<sup>6</sup> E/2013/29.

<sup>7</sup> E/CONF.103/46.

<sup>8</sup> E/2013/46.



**Provisional agenda for the fourth session of the Committee of Experts**

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Global geodetic reference frame.
4. Determining global fundamental datasets.
5. Trends in national institutional arrangements in geospatial information management.
6. Global map for sustainable development.
7. Legal and policy frameworks, including issues related to authoritative data.
8. Implementation and adoption of standards for the global geospatial information community.
9. Integration of geospatial, statistical and other information.
10. Integration of land and marine geospatial information.
11. Knowledge base for geospatial information management.
12. Coordination of United Nations activities in geospatial information management.
13. Reports by regional entities and thematic groups.
14. Provisional agenda and dates for the fifth session of the Committee.
15. Report of the Committee on its fourth session.

**2013/265****Transitional arrangements for the election of the Bureau of the Economic and Social Council**

At its 54th plenary meeting, on 16 December 2013, the Economic and Social Council, recalling paragraph 5 of the annex to General Assembly resolution [68/1](#) of 20 September 2013, in which the Assembly had requested the Council to adjust its programme of work to a July-to-July cycle with immediate effect and invited the Council to consider transitional arrangements for the election of its Bureau, decided that the term of office for the next President and the four Vice-Presidents of the Council would be from the date of election, on 14 January 2014, until their successors are elected, which is expected to be at the beginning of the new cycle starting in July 2015, on the understanding that they remain representatives of a member of the Council.

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