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Theme of the humanitarian affairs segment of the 2020 session of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council decides:

- (a) That the theme of the humanitarian affairs segment of its 2020 session will be "Reinforcing humanitarian assistance in the context of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the United Nations: taking action for people-centred solutions, strengthening effectiveness, respecting international humanitarian law and promoting the humanitarian principles";
 - (b) That it will convene three panel discussions under the segment;
- (c) To take note of the proposed topics for the three panel discussions under the segment:
 - (i) "Mobilizing action to improve humanitarian assistance for internally displaced persons and achieve durable solutions";
 - (ii) "Addressing the increasing complexity of health challenges in humanitarian contexts";
 - (iii) "Improving humanitarian effectiveness through new technology and innovation: opportunities and challenges";
- (d) To also take note of the high-level event to be convened on the margins of the segment under the theme "Combating and preventing sexual and gender-based violence in humanitarian crises".



