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Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Basic programme of work of the Council

Annotated agenda for the 2021 session of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council, in its decision 2021/202, adopted the provisional agenda for its 2021 session ([E/2021/1](#)).

Section I of the present document reflects the list of items on the agenda for the 2021 session of the Council. Section II contains the annotations for the items. The annotations are intended to provide a brief history of each item and to indicate, where applicable, the documentation that is to be made available during the course of the session.

The annex to the present document contains the basic programme of work for the 2021 session of the Council, prepared in accordance with the working arrangements adopted in its resolution [2021/1](#).



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¹ Council resolutions [2020/3](#) of 14 April 2020 and [2021/1](#) of 21 July 2020.

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² Council decision 2020/231 of 22 July 2020.

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II. Annotations

1. Election of the Bureau

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions [68/1](#) and [72/305](#), the programme of work of the Economic and Social Council is on a July-to-July cycle. The term of office of the officers of the Council (the Bureau) for the 2021 session will be from the date of their election until the date of the election of their successors, in accordance with rule 19 of the rules of procedure of the Council. In accordance with the principle of equitable geographical rotation of the office of the President among the regional groups, the President of the Council at its 2021 session should be from the Asia-Pacific States. The four Vice-Presidents of the Council are elected from the other regional groups.

In its decision 2021/200 A, the Council elected by acclamation Munir Akram (Pakistan) as President of the Council and Collen Vixen Kelapile (Botswana), Sergiy Kyslytsya (Ukraine) and Pascale Baeriswyl (Switzerland) as Vice-Presidents of the Council for its 2021 session. In its decision 2021/200 B, the Council elected by acclamation Juan Sandoval Mendiola (Mexico) as Vice-President of the Council for its 2021 session.

On the recommendation of the President, the Council, in its decision 2021/205, decided on the following special responsibilities of the Bureau for the 2021 session: the President, Munir Akram (Pakistan), would be responsible for the high-level segment, the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Council, the forum on financing for development follow-up, the Development Cooperation Forum, the special meeting on international cooperation in tax matters, as well as any joint meetings and other special meetings that might be convened should the need arise; the Vice-President, Sergiy Kyslytsya (Ukraine), would be responsible for the operational activities for development segment; the Vice-President, Pascale Baeriswyl (Switzerland), would be responsible for the humanitarian affairs segment; the Vice-President, Juan Sandoval Mendiola (Mexico), would be responsible for the integration segment; and the Vice-President, Collen Vixen Kelapile (Botswana), would be responsible for the management meetings, including the elections to fill the vacancies in the Council's subsidiary and related bodies.

Documentation

No documentation required.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The Council, pursuant to decisions 2020/205, 2020/206 and 2020/219 on the procedure for taking decisions during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, adopted the provisional agenda for its 2021 session ([E/2021/1](#); Council decision 2021/202).

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions [68/1](#), [72/305](#) and [74/298](#), the thematic focus for the 2021 high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council, and for the 2021 session of the Council is “Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic that promotes the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development: building an inclusive and effective path for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development”.

Documentation

Provisional agenda ([E/2021/1](#))

Annotated agenda for the 2021 session of the Council ([E/2021/100](#))

3. Basic programme of work of the Council

Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77 on the revitalization of the Council, the President, with the cooperation of the other members of the Bureau, arranges consultations with members of the Council on the draft programme of work and makes proposals thereon for consideration by the Council.

Pursuant to Council decision 2006/206 on adapting the work of the Council, the President of the Council convenes consultations of the Council, on an “as available” basis, to adapt its organization of work and current methods of work in pursuance of the provisions set out in General Assembly resolutions [60/1](#), [61/16](#), [68/1](#) and [72/305](#).

Documentation

Basic programme of work for the 2021 session of the Council ([E/2021/100](#), annex)

4. Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution [72/305](#), the Council will schedule the elections to fill vacancies in its subsidiary bodies during dedicated management meetings in the first half (20 April 2021) and last quarter of the year. In accordance with Assembly resolution [72/305](#), in preparing for elections by the Council, Member States should present candidates at least three working days in advance of elections. Also in accordance with the resolution, and as applicable to the Council, the provisions of paragraphs 47 and 48 of Assembly resolution [71/323](#) should be followed.

Documentation

Annotations for the elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments to the subsidiary bodies of the Council ([E/2021/100/Add.1](#))

Election of the members of the functional commissions of the Council ([E/2021/9](#) and addenda)

5. High-level segment

The General Assembly, in its resolution [68/1](#), decided that a high-level segment would be held in July. It would discharge the functions of the high-level segment of the Council as provided for in Assembly resolutions [45/264](#), [48/162](#), [50/227](#), [61/16](#), [70/299](#) and [72/305](#).

Pursuant to Council resolution [2021/1](#), the high-level segment, including the three-day ministerial meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council, will be held from 13 to 16 July 2021.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the thematic focus of the Council at its 2021 session, “Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic that promotes the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development: building an inclusive and effective path for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development” (General Assembly resolutions [68/1](#), [72/305](#) and [74/298](#))

(a) Ministerial meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council

Pursuant to paragraph 11 (c) of the annex to General Assembly resolution [68/1](#) and paragraph 18 of Assembly resolution [70/299](#), the three-day ministerial meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council, will be held during the high-level segment of the Council in order to avoid duplication, enhance efficiency and strengthen complementarity and synergy.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (General Assembly resolution [70/1](#))

(b) High-level policy dialogue on future trends and scenarios and the long-term impact of current trends on the realization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

In accordance with General Assembly resolution [72/305](#), the final day of the high-level segment of the Council, following the ministerial segment of the high-level political forum, will focus on future trends and scenarios related to the Council theme and the long-term impact of current trends, such as the contribution of new technologies, in the economic, social and environmental areas on the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals, based on the work of the United Nations and other regional and international organizations and bodies as well as other stakeholders.

Documentation

World Economic Situation and Prospects 2021 (General Assembly resolution [118 \(II\)](#) and Council resolution [1990/52](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the long-term impact of current trends in the economic, social and environmental areas on the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals (General Assembly resolution [72/305](#))

(c) Development Cooperation Forum

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions [60/1](#), [61/16](#), [68/1](#) and [72/305](#) and Council resolution [2020/3](#), the Council will hold its biennial high-level Development Cooperation Forum to review trends in international development cooperation, including strategies, policies and financing, promote greater coherence among the development activities of different development partners and strengthen the links between the normative and operational work of the United Nations.

Pursuant to Council resolution [2021/1](#), the Development Cooperation Forum will be held on 6 and 7 May 2021.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on trends and progress in international development cooperation (General Assembly resolution [60/1](#), [61/16](#), [68/1](#), [70/299](#) and [72/305](#))

6. High-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council

The General Assembly, in its resolution [67/290](#), decided that the high-level political forum on sustainable development under the auspices of the Council would be convened annually by the President of the Council and would have a thematic focus reflecting the integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development, in line with the thematic focus of the activities of the Council and consistent with the 2030 development agenda. The thematic focus of the high-level political forum on sustainable development to be convened under the auspices of the Council during its 2021 session is “Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic that promotes the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development: building an inclusive and effective path for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development” (see Assembly resolution [74/298](#)).

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions [67/290](#) and [70/1](#), the high-level political forum, under the auspices of the Council, would carry out regular thematic reviews on the follow-up and implementation of sustainable development commitments and objectives, including those related to the means of implementation, within the context of the 2030 Agenda.

In its resolution [70/299](#), the General Assembly decided that the high-level political forum under the auspices of the Council, without prejudice to the integrated, indivisible and interlinked nature of the Sustainable Development Goals, should discuss a set of Goals and their interlinkages, with a view to facilitating an in-depth review of progress made on all Goals over the course of a four-year cycle, with means of implementation, including with respect to Goal 17, reviewed annually.

The General Assembly also decided, in its resolution [74/298](#), that the high-level political forum for 2021, without prejudice to the integrated, indivisible and interlinked nature of the Sustainable Development Goals, should discuss Goals 1, 2, 3, 8, 10, 12, 13, 16 and 17 in depth.

In accordance with General Assembly resolutions [70/1](#) and [70/299](#), the follow-up and review at the high-level political forum will be informed by an annual progress report on the Sustainable Development Goals to be prepared by the Secretary-General in cooperation with the United Nations system.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions [67/290](#), [70/1](#) and [70/299](#), the high-level political forum, under the auspices of the Council, should carry out voluntary national

reviews of all countries, including countries in special situations, with the aim of facilitating the sharing of experiences, including successes, challenges and lessons learned. The Assembly, in its resolution [72/305](#), invited the Bureau of the Council to consider ways of optimizing the time currently available for countries to present their voluntary national reviews during the ministerial days of the high-level political forum, with a view to improving the exchange of national experiences on implementing the Sustainable Development Goals.

The General Assembly, in its resolution [67/290](#), invited the regional commissions to contribute to the work of the high-level political forum on sustainable development convened under the auspices of the Council, including through annual regional meetings.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution [74/298](#), the Assembly will conduct, in conjunction, the reviews of Assembly resolution [72/305](#) on the review of the implementation of Assembly resolution [68/1](#) on the strengthening of the Council, resolution [67/290](#) on the format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and resolution [70/299](#) on the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda at the global level, during its seventy-fifth session. Pursuant to Council resolution [2021/1](#), the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council, will be held from 6 to 12 July 2021.

Documentation

Provisional agenda of the high-level political forum on sustainable development ([E/HLPF/2021/1](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (General Assembly resolution [70/1](#))

Note by the Secretary-General on the progress report on the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production Patterns (General Assembly resolution [70/1](#))

Report of the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up on its 2021 session, including the intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations of the forum (General Assembly resolutions [69/313](#), [70/1](#), [70/192](#), [71/217](#), [72/208](#), [73/223](#), [74/207](#) and [75/208](#))

Summary by the President of the Council of the forum on financing for development follow-up (General Assembly resolutions [58/230](#), [62/187](#), [65/145](#), [69/313](#), [71/217](#), [72/208](#), [73/223](#) and [74/207](#) and Council resolutions 2010/26 and [2014/11](#))

Summary of the discussions of the multi-stakeholder forum on science, technology and innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals (General Assembly resolutions [69/313](#) and [70/1](#))

Compilation of the main messages of the voluntary national reviews for 2021 on the theme “Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic that promotes the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development: building an inclusive and effective path for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development” (General Assembly resolutions [67/290](#), [70/1](#) and [70/299](#))

Synthesis of voluntary submissions by functional commissions of the Council and other intergovernmental bodies and forums (General Assembly resolutions [70/1](#) and [70/299](#))

Reports of regional forums on sustainable development (General Assembly resolution [67/290](#))

Discussion papers by major groups and other relevant stakeholders (General Assembly resolution [67/290](#))

7. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

In accordance with General Assembly resolution [72/305](#), the strengthened operational activities for development segment should serve as a platform to ensure accountability for, and acceleration of, system-wide performance and results in relation to the 2030 Agenda and provide guidance to and overall coordination of the United Nations development system.

Pursuant to Council resolution [2021/1](#), the operational activities for development segment will be held from 18 to 20 May 2021.

(a) Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council

In its resolution [75/233](#), the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to continue regular follow-up, monitoring and reporting, including to the Council at its operational activities for development segment, on the work of regional assets of the United Nations development system in support of the 2030 Agenda with a view to enhancing transparency, accountability, efficiency, coordination and results-based management at the regional level in order to ensure that the longer-term reprofiling and restructuring of the regional assets of the United Nations are addressed on a region by-region basis and in accordance with the region's specific needs and priorities, as agreed in resolution [74/297](#) of 11 August 2020.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly reaffirmed that the Council, through its operational activities for development segment, serves as a platform to ensure and enhance accountability and oversight for and the acceleration of system-wide performance and results in relation to the 2030 Agenda, as well as to provide guidance and overall coordination of the United Nations development system.

Also in the same resolution, the General Assembly emphasized the need to ensure the independence, credibility and effectiveness of the evaluation office, and in this regard requested the Secretary-General to provide relevant information to the Council at its 2021 operational activities for development segment about the Development Coordination Office's proposed structure, funding modalities as indicated in the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Assembly resolution [71/243](#) on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system ([A/75/79-E/2020/55](#)), as well as collaboration with other entities in the system with an evaluation mandate.

In its resolution [75/233](#), the General Assembly requested the Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group to continue to present a timely, comprehensive, evidence-based, analytical and more detailed performance report on an annual basis, including on progress made and remaining challenges and obstacles encountered, as well as on the operational, administrative and financial aspects of the activities of the Development Coordination Office, to the Council at its operational activities for development segment, while noting that the Office assumes managerial and oversight functions of the resident coordinator system under the leadership of an Assistant Secretary-General and with collective ownership of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group.

In the same resolution, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to present to the Council a report in 2021, 2022 and 2023 on system-wide implementation of the provisions of the resolution, including an update and

amendments where necessary of the existing monitoring and reporting framework for the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development with specific and measurable performance indicators on progress made, and on that basis invited the Council to exchange views on lessons learned and challenges and to propose to the Assembly overall recommendations to contribute to strengthening the oversight of States over the United Nations development system and to guide the overall progress in the full implementation of the provisions of the resolution through the annual Assembly follow-up resolution on the operational activities for development of the United Nations system.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on repositioning the United Nations development system in the context of the system-wide implementation of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions [71/243](#), [72/279](#) and [75/233](#))

Report of the Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group on the Development Coordination Office (General Assembly resolutions [72/279](#) and [75/233](#))

(b) Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services, the United Nations Children’s Fund, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, and the World Food Programme

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution [72/305](#), the Council should provide improved overall coordination and guidance on operational activities for development, on a system-wide basis, to the governing bodies of the United Nations development system, in keeping with the mandates of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review.

The Council will have before it the annual reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services, the United Nations Children’s Fund, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, and the World Food Programme (General Assembly resolutions [48/162](#), [62/208](#), [64/289](#), [65/176](#), [67/226](#) and [68/229](#) and Council resolutions 1995/51, 2011/5, [2013/5](#) and [2015/15](#)).

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution [70/1](#), the relevant governing bodies of the United Nations development system should take action to review the support to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda by the United Nations development system and to report on progress and obstacles. In accordance with Assembly resolution [72/305](#), and with a view to avoiding repetition of discussions, the executive boards that report to the Council should further highlight in their existing reports to the Council the issues requiring examination and identify actions to be taken, guided by the chosen theme.

Documentation

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children’s Fund on its first and second regular sessions and annual session of 2020 ([E/2020/34/Rev.1](#)) (Supplement No. 14) (General Assembly resolutions [48/162](#), [59/250](#) and [62/208](#) and Council resolution 1995/51)

Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

on its work during 2020 (E/2020/35) (Supplement No. 15) (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, 59/250, 62/208 and 65/176 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its first and second regular sessions and annual session of 2020 (E/2021/36) (Supplement No. 16) (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, 53/192, 59/250 and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women on its first and second regular sessions and its annual session of 2020 (General Assembly resolution 64/289 and Council resolution 2011/5)

(c) South-South cooperation for development

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 33/134 and 58/220, the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation meets once every two years in odd-numbered years and reports to the Assembly through the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services and the Council.

At its nineteenth session, the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation, in its decision 19/2, approved the provisional agenda for its twentieth session, to be held in 2018. Subsequently, the General Assembly, in its resolution 71/318, decided to postpone the twentieth session of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation to one day in June 2019. Subsequently, the Council, in its decision 2018/210, decided to consider the sub-item at its 2019 session.

In its decision 73/553, the General Assembly decided to further postpone the twentieth session of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation to May 2020 and decided that it should consist of a one-day organizational meeting and a four-day substantive session. At its 2019 session, the Council decided to consider the sub-item at its 2020 session.

In its decision 74/553, the General Assembly, noting with concern the situation concerning the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, decided to further postpone the twentieth session of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation to a later date. At its 2020 session, the Council decided to consider the sub-item at its 2021 session.

Documentation

Report of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation on its twentieth session (A/75/39) (Supplement No. 39) (General Assembly resolutions 33/134 and 58/220)

8. Integration segment

In its resolution 68/1, the General Assembly decided that an integration segment of the Council should be held annually. Pursuant to Assembly resolution 72/305, the integration segment would be held for one day immediately before the high-level political forum. It would discuss and consolidate all the inputs of Member States, including case studies and lessons learned, the subsidiary bodies of the Council, the United Nations system and other relevant stakeholders to promote the balanced integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development. The segment would thus bring together the key messages from the subsidiary bodies of the Council and the United Nations system on the main theme, develop action-oriented recommendations for follow-up and feed into the high-level political forum. It would also coordinate the work of the subsidiary bodies of the Council, promoting a clearer

division of labour among them, and the policies and activities of the specialized agencies relating to the Sustainable Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals. The Secretary-General would present to the Council the annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination.

Pursuant to Council resolution [2021/1](#), the integration segment will be held on 2 July 2021.

Documentation

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2020 (General Assembly resolutions [68/1](#) and [72/305](#))

9. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

In accordance with General Assembly resolution [52/12 B](#), in which the Assembly established a humanitarian affairs segment of the Council, and with Assembly resolutions [68/1](#) and [72/305](#), the Council should, in line with paragraph 11 (b) of the annex to Assembly resolution [68/1](#), through the humanitarian affairs segment, continue to contribute to strengthening the coordination and effectiveness of United Nations humanitarian assistance and support and complement international efforts aimed at addressing humanitarian emergencies, including natural disasters, in order to promote an improved, coordinated response by the United Nations. The humanitarian affairs segment should continue to alternate between Geneva and New York and should be convened preceding the annual session of the executive boards of the funds and programmes of the United Nations system.

The Council should also continue to hold a special event to discuss the transition from relief to development, to be convened immediately preceding the humanitarian affairs segment and following the annual session of the executive boards of the funds and programmes of the United Nations system. The special event, which addresses the linkages between humanitarian assistance and development, will help the Council to discuss and review more fully the implications of the transition from relief to development and improve the efforts of the international community to respond better to transition situations.

Pursuant to Council resolution [2021/1](#), the humanitarian affairs segment will be held from 23 to 25 June 2021, in Geneva.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (General Assembly resolutions [46/182](#) and [52/12 B](#) and [73/139](#) and Council decision 1999/208)

10. The role of the United Nations system in the integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development into the implementation of and follow-up to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

In its resolution [45/264](#), the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to implement the recommendations addressed to him in the annex to the resolution, which included the recommendation that the substantive session of the Council be organized under segments, including a coordination segment, and that the coordination segment focus on the coordination of the activities of the specialized

agencies, organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in the economic, social and related fields, in accordance with Articles 63 and 64 of the Charter of the United Nations.

In its resolution [68/1](#), the General Assembly decided that dedicated coordination and management meetings would be held regularly to perform the functions of the coordination and general segments. In its resolution [72/305](#), the Assembly decided that the dedicated coordination and management meetings would be renamed the management segments. The meetings of the management segment would, in principle, last no more than two days, twice per cycle. The meetings would focus on the adoption of procedural decisions, consideration of recommendations of subsidiary bodies, as well as the introduction of reports and consideration of draft proposals submitted under relevant agenda items.

The Council, in its decision 2019/202, renamed the item to align with the consideration of the report of the Secretary-General requested in General Assembly resolutions [69/214](#), [70/201](#), [71/223](#), [72/216](#) and [73/227](#).

Documentation

No advance documentation requested.

11. Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits

In its decision 2011/217, the Council invited the Chair of the Committee on World Food Security to transmit to the Council annually, starting in 2012, a report on the main decisions and policy recommendations made as well as the results achieved by the Committee in the area of food security and nutrition, in accordance with its new roles and vision.

The Council, recalling its resolution [2107 \(LXIII\)](#) of 3 August 1977, by which it established the United Nations System Standing Committee on Nutrition, and pursuant to Council decision 2018/207, decided to request the Standing Committee on Nutrition to transmit to the Council a report on its activities on an annual basis, starting in 2018, with a view to promoting the coherence and impact of the United Nations system response to nutrition problems, and to reflect on policy implications for achieving the 2030 Agenda.

Documentation

Report of the Chair of the Committee on World Food Security on the main decisions and policy recommendations made as well as results achieved by the Committee in the area of food security and nutrition (Council resolution 1999/212 and decision 2011/217)

Report of the United Nations System Standing Committee on Nutrition (Council resolution [2107 \(LXIII\)](#) and decision 2018/207)

(a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution [69/313](#), the Council holds an annual forum on financing for development follow-up, one day of which is dedicated to the special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and up to four days of which are dedicated to discussing the follow-up and review of the financing for development outcomes and the means of implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The

forum's intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations are fed into the overall follow-up and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in the high-level political forum on sustainable development.

The General Assembly, in its resolution [70/192](#), decided that the forum would be chaired by the President of the Council, who would take the steps necessary to prepare the work of the forum according to paragraph 132 of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda.

In its resolution [72/203](#), the General Assembly encouraged the Council to consider, at its annual forum on financing for development follow-up, a discussion and analysis of systemic issues and challenges, taking into account the roles of the international financial institutions.

Furthermore, in its resolution [73/221](#), the General Assembly requested the annual forum on financing for development follow-up to organize a substantive expert debate among the major institutional stakeholders on how to improve debt sustainability and debt restructuring.

In its resolution [75/208](#), the General Assembly invited the President of the Council in consultation with the President of the Assembly to consider convening a special segment during the 2021 forum on financing for development follow-up, as a one-time event, to discuss concrete steps towards a sustainable, inclusive and resilient recovery from the economic downturn caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, in relation to the efforts towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and the implementation of the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, and requested the Secretary-General to submit to it at its seventy-sixth session an action-oriented report, presenting emerging challenges and key accelerators, for a resilient and sustainable recovery from the economic shocks caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, that may be relevant for future discussion in the framework of the Council forum on financing for development follow-up.

The sixth Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up will be held from 12 to 15 April 2021, including the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Conference on Trade and Development, and the forum's modalities will follow those applied to the 2019 forum ([E/FFDF/2020/3](#), sect. I)

Documentation

Report of the Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up on its 2020 session, including the intergovernmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations of the forum (General Assembly resolutions [69/313](#), [70/1](#), [70/192](#) and [75/208](#))

Summary by the President of the Council of the forum on financing for development follow-up (General Assembly resolutions [58/230](#), [62/187](#), [65/145](#), [69/313](#) and [75/208](#) and Council resolutions [2010/26](#) and [2014/11](#))

(b) Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011–2020

The Council, in its resolution [2020/16](#), requested the Secretary-General to submit to it at its 2021 session a progress report on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011–2020 (Council resolutions [1079 \(XXXIX\)](#) and [1998/46](#)).

The General Assembly, in its resolution [75/227](#), reiterated its request to the President of the Assembly and the President of the Council to organize a half-day dedicated thematic event during the seventy-fifth session of the Assembly, in order to provide

substantive input to the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011–2020 (Council resolutions [1079 \(XXXIX\)](#), 1998/46 and [2020/16](#))

12. Coordination, programme and other questions

(a) Reports of coordination bodies

The report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its sixty-first session (June 2021) will include the Committee's views on its consideration of the report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (General Assembly resolution [31/93](#) and Council resolution 2008 (LX)).

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its sixty-first session ([A/76/16](#)) (Supplement No. 16) (General Assembly resolution [31/93](#) and Council resolution 2008 (LX))

(b) Proposed programme budget for 2022

In its resolution [72/266](#), the General Assembly approved the proposed recommendation to change from a biennial to an annual budget period on a trial basis, beginning with the programme budget for 2020.

Documentation

Relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for 2022 (relevant fascicles of [A/76/6](#)) (General Assembly resolution [58/269](#) and Council resolution [1988/77](#))

(c) Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

The General Assembly, in its resolutions [62/137](#) and [65/191](#), requested the Secretary-General to continue to report annually on the follow-up to and progress made in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the Assembly, with an assessment of progress in gender mainstreaming, including information on key achievements, lessons learned and good practices, and recommendations on further measures to enhance implementation.

In its resolution [2020/9](#), the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to it at its 2021 session a report on the implementation of the resolution and of resolution [2019/2](#), including on accountability of the United Nations system at the global, regional and country levels and on progress made in the implementation of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions [62/137](#) and [65/191](#) and Council resolution [2020/9](#))

(d) Long-term programme of support for Haiti

In its resolution [2020/11](#), the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti until the conclusion of the 2021 session, with the purpose of following closely and providing advice on the long-term development strategy of Haiti to promote socioeconomic recovery, reconstruction and stability, with particular attention to the need to ensure coherence and sustainability in international support for Haiti, based on the long-term national development priorities, building upon the Strategic Plan for the Development of Haiti, and stressing the need to avoid overlap and duplication with respect to existing mechanisms.

The Council, in the same resolution, requested the Advisory Group to submit a report on its work, with recommendations, as appropriate, to the Council for consideration at its 2021 session.

Documentation

Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti (Council resolutions 1999/4, 2004/52 and [2020/11](#))

(e) African countries emerging from conflict

In its resolution 2009/32, the Council invited the Chair of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission to continue to inform it about best practices, particularly lessons learned from its experiences, that are relevant for addressing the economic and social challenges of peacebuilding in other African countries emerging from conflict. In its decision 2020/232, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to it at its 2021 session for consideration a report on the implementation of integrated, coherent and coordinated support to South Sudan by the United Nations system, under the sub-item “African countries emerging from conflict” of the agenda item entitled “Coordination, programme and other questions”.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of integrated, coherent and coordinated support for South Sudan and the Sahel region by the United Nations system (Council decision 2020/232)

(f) Prevention and control of non-communicable diseases

In its resolution [2013/12](#), the Council requested the Secretary-General to establish the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases by expanding the mandate of the existing Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control, with this Task Force to be convened and led by the World Health Organization (WHO), to report to the Council through the Secretary-General and to incorporate the work of the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control, including the work to support the accelerated implementation by parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control.

In the same resolution, the Council requested the Secretary-General, in close collaboration with the Director General of WHO and in full consultation with Member States through WHO, to develop the terms of reference for the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases, incorporating, but not limited to, the work of the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control and the current work of the secretariat of WHO to develop a division of tasks and responsibilities, as exemplified in appendix 4 to the WHO Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases 2013–2020 (see also Council resolutions [2014/10](#) and [2015/8](#)).

In its resolution [2020/22](#), the Council requested the Secretary-General to report to it at its 2021 session on progress achieved in implementing resolution [2013/12](#), under the sub-item entitled “Prevention and control of non-communicable diseases” of the item entitled “Coordination, programme and other questions”.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director General of the World Health Organization on the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases (Council resolutions [2013/12](#), [2014/10](#), [2015/8](#) and [2020/22](#))

(g) Sustainable development in the Sahel

In its resolution [2020/2](#), the Council requested the Secretary-General to include a section on support to the Sahel region, including on how the United Nations system was implementing integrated, coherent and coordinated support to achieve sustainable development in the region, consistent with national and regional priorities and in line with General Assembly resolution [72/279](#), within existing reporting obligations to the Council, at its 2020 session under the agenda item entitled “Coordination, programme and other questions”, and decided to include in the provisional agenda of its 2021 session a sub-item entitled “Sustainable development in the Sahel”.

In its decision [2020/231](#), the Council requested the Secretary-General to report to it at its 2021 session on how the United Nations system is implementing integrated, coherent and coordinated support to achieve sustainable development in the Sahel region, within existing resources, under the sub-item entitled “Sustainable development in the Sahel” of the item entitled “Coordination, programme and other questions”.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of integrated, coherent and coordinated support for South Sudan and the Sahel region by the United Nations system (Council decision [2020/231](#))

(h) Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS

In its resolution [2019/33](#), the Council requested the Secretary-General to transmit to it at its 2021 session a report prepared by the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS in collaboration with its co-sponsors and other relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, on progress made in implementing a coordinated response by the United Nations system to the HIV and AIDS epidemic.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (General Assembly resolution [65/277](#) and Council resolution [2019/33](#))

(i) Calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions [66/233](#), [67/237](#) and [71/262](#), the Council, in its resolution [2017/27](#), requested the Secretariat to propose to the Bureau of the Council a streamlined list of bodies whose conferences and meetings should be

included in future provisional calendars of conferences to be considered by the Council on a biennial basis starting at its 2019 session.

The Council, in its resolution [2018/30](#), decided to approve the streamlined list of bodies, annexed to the resolution, whose conferences and meetings should be included in future provisional calendars of conferences to be considered by the Council starting at its 2019 session, to be updated, as necessary, by the Secretariat in consultation with the Bureau of the Council in the light of relevant decisions on the working arrangements of the Council to be adopted by the Council or the General Assembly.

Documentation

Provisional calendar of conferences and meetings for 2021 and 2022 in the economic, social and related fields (General Assembly resolutions [66/233](#), [67/237](#) and [71/262](#) and Council resolution [2018/30](#) and decisions 52 (LVII) and 1988/103).

13. Implementation of General Assembly resolutions [50/227](#), [52/12 B](#), [57/270 B](#), [60/265](#), [61/16](#), [67/290](#), [68/1](#) and [72/305](#)

In the annex to its resolution [68/1](#), the General Assembly stated that the Secretary-General should make proposals to promote collaboration across the United Nations system, taking account of the functions of a strengthened Council, with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat serving as a central hub of support for the Council, in order to better utilize existing resources of the United Nations system to broaden support to the Council and its Bureau. The proposals were to include measures to enable the Secretariat to better support the implementation of a unified development agenda. Similarly, the Secretary-General was to explore proposals to strengthen support to the Council, including to the office of the President of the Council.

In the annex to its resolution [72/305](#), the General Assembly stated that the Council should continue to strengthen its leadership and policy guidance role, and its role as the central mechanism for coordination of the activities of the United Nations development system and its specialized agencies and supervision of its subsidiary bodies while integrating their analysis throughout its segments. It should also address new and emerging issues in the economic, social, environmental and related fields and provide overall support for the integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development. It should promote a coordinated follow-up to the 2030 Agenda and the outcomes of other major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social, environmental and related fields.

The working modalities of the Council should be guided by the principles of inclusiveness, transparency and flexibility based on the deliberative function of its meetings. It should be a platform for discussion and the exchange of national experiences. The Council should aim to create synergy and coherence as well as avoid duplication and overlap in its work to ensure efficiency and effectiveness. It should also ensure an adequate division of labour among its subsidiary bodies and harmonization and coordination of their agendas and work programmes, while ensuring that the principles, critical aspects and implementation gaps of the 2030 Agenda are addressed.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution [74/298](#), the reviews of Assembly resolution [72/305](#) on the review of the implementation of Assembly resolution [68/1](#) on the strengthening of the Council, resolution [67/290](#) on the format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development and resolution

[70/299](#) on the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda at the global level, will be conducted, in conjunction, at its seventy-fifth session.

Documentation

No advance documentation requested.

14. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Assistance to the Palestinian people. At its sixty-third session, in 1977, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to it annual reports on the question of assistance to the Palestinian people (General Assembly resolution [57/147](#) and Council resolution [2100 \(LXIII\)](#)).

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations.

The General Assembly, in its resolution [74/95](#), and the Council, in its resolution [2021/2](#), requested the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and international and regional organizations to examine and review conditions in each Non-Self-Governing Territory so that they may take appropriate measures to accelerate progress in the economic and social sectors of those Territories on a case-by-case basis, and also requested the specialized agencies and other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and regional organizations to strengthen existing measures of support and to formulate appropriate programmes of assistance to the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories on a case-by-case basis, within the framework of their respective mandates, in order to accelerate progress in the economic and social sectors of those Territories.

The Council, in its resolution [2021/2](#), requested the President of the Council to continue to maintain close contact on those matters with the Chair of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and to report thereon to the Council. The Council also requested the Secretary-General to follow up on the implementation of the resolution, paying particular attention to cooperation and integration arrangements for maximizing the efficiency of the assistance activities undertaken by various organizations of the United Nations system, and to report thereon to the Council at its 2021 session.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (General Assembly resolutions [57/147](#) and [74/117](#) and Council resolution [2100 \(LXIII\)](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations (General Assembly resolution [74/95](#) and Council resolution [2021/2](#))

Report of the President of the Council on consultations with the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (General Assembly resolution [74/95](#) and Council resolution [2021/2](#)).

15. Regional cooperation

The Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation and take the necessary action on the decisions and recommendations contained therein that statutorily require its approval (General Assembly resolution 1823 (XVII) and Council resolution 1817 (LV) and decision 1979/1).

The Council will also have before it the summaries of the surveys of regional economic and social conditions prepared by the regional commissions, highlighting the main problems and prospects of those regions (General Assembly resolution 1823 (XVII) and Council resolution 1817 (LV) and decision 1979/1).

In its decision 2020/227, the Council decided to further defer, to its 2021 session, the consideration of draft resolution VI entitled “Revised terms of reference of the Inland Transport Committee”, recommended by the Economic Commission for Europe, as contained in the addendum to the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields (E/2019/15/Add.2).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation in the economic, social and related fields (E/2021/15 and addenda) (General Assembly resolution 1823 (XVII) and Council resolution 1817 (LV) and decision 1979/1)

Summary of the work of the Economic Commission for Europe for the period 2020–2021 (E/2021/16) (General Assembly resolution 1823 (XVII) and Council resolution 1817 (LV) and decision 1979/1)

Summary of the work of the Economic Commission for Africa for the period 2020–2021 (E/2021/17) (General Assembly resolution 1823 (XVII) and Council resolution 1817 (LV) and decision 1979/1)

Summary of the work of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific for the period 2020–2021 (E/2021/18) (General Assembly resolution 1823 (XVII) and Council resolution 1817 (LV) and decision 1979/1)

Summary of the work of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean for the period 2020–2021 (E/2021/19) (General Assembly resolution 1823 (XVII) and Council resolution 1817 (LV) and decision 1979/1)

Summary of the work of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia for the period 2020–2021 (E/2021/20) (General Assembly resolution 1823 (XVII) and Council resolution 1817 (LV) and decision 1979/1)

16. Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

The Council, in its resolution 2021/4, requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-fifth session, through the Council, a report on the implementation of the resolution and to continue to include in the report of the United Nations Special Coordinator an update on the living conditions of the Palestinian people, in collaboration with relevant United Nations agencies.

The Council, in its resolution 2021/5, requested the Secretary-General to continue to review the situation of Palestinian women, to assist them by all available means, including those set out in his report, and to include information on the gender-specific

impact of the occupation and the progress made in the implementation of the resolution in his report on the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan to the Council at its 2021 session.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan (Council resolution [2021/4](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of and assistance to Palestinian women (Council resolution [2021/5](#))

17. Non-governmental organizations

Pursuant to its resolutions [3 \(II\)](#) and 1996/31 and its decision 1995/304, the Council considers the reports of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on the work of its regular (18 to 29 January and 10 February 2021) and resumed (17–25 and 27 May and 7 June 2021) sessions. The dates of and provisional agenda for the 2021 sessions of the Committee were approved by the Council in its decision 2021/209.

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2021 regular session ([E/2021/32 \(Part I\)](#)) (Council resolutions [3 \(II\)](#) and 1996/31 and decisions 1995/304 and 2021/209)

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its resumed 2021 session ([E/2021/32 \(Part II\)](#)) (Council resolutions [3 \(II\)](#) and 1996/31 and decisions 1995/304 and 2021/209)

18. Economic and environmental questions

(a) Sustainable development

The Council will have before it the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its twenty-third session (22–26 February 2021) (Council resolutions [1079 \(XXXIX\)](#), 1998/46 and [2020/10](#)).

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its twenty-third session ([E/2021/33](#)) (Supplement No. 13) (Council resolutions [1079 \(XXXIX\)](#), 1998/46 and [2020/10](#))

(b) Science and technology for development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its twenty-fourth session (Geneva, 17 to 21 May 2021) (General Assembly resolutions [46/235](#) and [56/182](#)). The provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-fourth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2020/220.

The General Assembly, in its resolutions [68/198](#), [70/125](#), [73/218](#) and [75/202](#) and the Council, in its resolution [2020/12](#), requested the Secretary-General to report on the status of the implementation of and follow-up to the resolutions, as part of his annual reporting to the Assembly, through the Commission on Science and Technology for Development and the Council, on the progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its twenty-fourth session ([E/2021/31](#)) (Supplement No. 11) (General Assembly resolutions [46/235](#) and [56/182](#) and Council decision 2020/220)

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels (General Assembly resolutions [68/198](#), [70/125](#), [72/200](#) and [74/197](#) and Council resolution [2020/12](#))

(c) Statistics

The Council will have before it the report of the Statistical Commission on its fifty-second session (1–3 and 5 March 2021) (Council resolutions [8 \(I\)](#), [8 \(II\)](#) and [1566 \(L\)](#)). The provisional agenda and dates for the fifty-second session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2020/211.

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its fifty-second session ([E/2021/24](#)) (Supplement No. 4) (Council resolutions [8 \(I\)](#), [8 \(II\)](#) and [1566 \(L\)](#) and decision 2020/211)

(d) Human settlements

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution [71/256](#), the Secretary-General was requested to report on the progress of the implementation of the New Urban Agenda every four years, with the first report submitted, through the Council, during the seventy-second session of the Assembly. The second report is expected in 2022.

The General Assembly, in its resolution [73/239](#), decided to dissolve the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) as a subsidiary organ of the Assembly and to replace it with the UN-Habitat Assembly, in line with the findings and recommendations of the open-ended Working Group established by the Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) pursuant to General Assembly resolution [72/226](#). The UN-Habitat Assembly would meet every four years, with its first session held in May 2019.

Documentation

No advance documentation requested.

(e) Environment

The United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme, known as the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme prior to 2013, reports to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council. The United Nations Environment Assembly meets in regular sessions

every two years and in special sessions in alternate years (General Assembly resolutions [2997 \(XXVII\)](#), [53/242](#) and [67/251](#)).

At its fourth session, held in Nairobi from 11 to 15 March 2019, the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme, in its decision 4/2, as amended, decided to hold its fifth session in Nairobi from 22 to 26 February 2021. The Council will consider the report of the fifth session at its 2021 session.

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme at its fifth session ([A/76/25](#)) (Supplement No. 25)

(f) Population and development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Population and Development on its fifty-fourth session (19 to 23 April 2021) (General Assembly resolution [49/128](#)). The provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-fourth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2020/221.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its fifty-fourth session ([E/2021/25](#)) (Supplement No. 5) (General Assembly resolution [49/128](#) and Council decision 2020/221)

(g) Public administration and development

The Council will have before it the report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its twentieth session (12–16 April 2021) (Council resolutions [2001/45](#) and [2003/60](#)). The dates of and provisional agenda for the twentieth session of the Committee were approved by the Council in its decision 2020/228.

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its twentieth session ([E/2021/44](#)) (Supplement No. 24) (Council resolutions [2001/45](#) and [2003/60](#) and decision 2020/228)

(h) International cooperation in tax matters

In accordance with General Assembly resolution [69/313](#) and Council resolutions [2013/24](#) and [2017/2](#), the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters holds two sessions per year, one in New York in the spring and one in Geneva in the autumn (which in 2020 was held as virtual informal meetings), with the session in New York held back-to-back with the annual special meeting of the Council on international cooperation in tax matters, including institutional arrangements to promote such cooperation, in order to increase the Committee's engagement with the Council, with a view to enhancing intergovernmental consideration of tax issues at the United Nations.

Pursuant to Council decision 2020/233, the twenty-first session of the Committee of Experts was held in Geneva on 20 to 23 and 26 to 29 October 2020. The Council, in its resolution [2021/1](#), decided that the one-day special meeting of the Council on international cooperation in tax matters would be held on 29 April 2021, in conjunction with the twenty-second session of the Committee of Experts (26–28 and 30 April 2021).

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its twenty-first session (E/2021/45) (Supplement No. 25) (General Assembly resolution 69/313 and Council resolutions 2013/24 and 2017/2 and decision 2020/233)

Report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its twenty-second session (E/2021/45/Add.1) (Supplement No. 25A) (General Assembly resolution 69/313 and Council resolutions 2013/24 and 2017/2)

(i) Geospatial information

At its 2011 session, the Council decided to establish the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management, in accordance with the terms of reference contained in the annex to its resolution 2011/24. The Council, in its resolution 2016/27, broadened and strengthened the mandate of the Committee of Experts as the relevant body on geospatial information and decided that the substantive mandates and obligations of the United Nations Regional Cartographic Conferences for Asia and the Pacific and for the Americas should be assumed by the Committee of Experts at the global level and that their technical and substantive activities at the regional and national levels should be assumed by the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Asia and the Pacific and the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for the Americas, respectively.

At its 2018 session, the Council in its resolution 2018/2, decided that the United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names and the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names would be discontinued in their existing formats and be subsumed by a subsidiary body of the Council that would retain their respective mandates, where relevant, as well as resolutions of the United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names and responsibility for the implementation thereof. The new body would be named the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, which would be composed of representatives of States Members of the United Nations, including experts appointed by Governments, and would focus on technical issues associated with the standardization of geographical names that may, where appropriate, support relevant aspects of the 2030 Agenda. In the same resolution, the Council also decided that the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names would convene biennial sessions, in principle, over a period of five days, beginning in 2019.

The Council will have before it the report of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management on its tenth session (26 and 27 August and 4 September 2020). The provisional agenda and dates for the tenth session of the Committee of Experts were approved by the Council in its decision 2021/204.

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management on its tenth session (E/2021/46) (Supplement No. 26) (Council resolutions 2011/24, 2016/27 and 2018/2 and decision 2021/204)

(j) Women and development

The Council will have before it the relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its sixty-fifth session (15–26 March 2021) (General Assembly resolution 42/178 and Council resolution 1987/24).

Documentation

Relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its sixty-fifth session ([E/2021/27](#)) (Supplement No. 7) (General Assembly resolution [42/178](#) and Council resolution [1987/24](#))

(k) United Nations Forum on Forests

The Council will have before it the report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its sixteenth session (26–30 April 2021) (Council resolutions 2000/35, 2006/49, [2015/33](#) and [2017/4](#)). The provisional agenda for the sixteenth session of the Forum was approved by the Council in its decision 2020/222.

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its sixteenth session ([E/2021/42](#)) (Supplement No. 22) (Council resolutions 2000/35, 2006/49, [2015/33](#) and [2017/4](#) and decision 2020/222)

(l) Transport of dangerous goods

The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals, including recommendations of the Committee on the transport of dangerous goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (Council resolutions 645 G (XXIII) and [2019/7](#)).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals, including recommendations of the Committee on the transport of dangerous goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (Council resolutions 645 G (XXIII) and [2019/7](#))

(m) Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

In its resolution 2000/32, the Council reaffirmed the important role of the General Assembly, the Council and the Committee for Programme and Coordination in mobilizing and monitoring, as appropriate, the economic assistance efforts of the international community and the United Nations system to States confronted with special economic problems arising from the carrying out of preventive or enforcement measures imposed by the Security Council and, as appropriate, in identifying solutions to the special economic problems of those States. The Economic and Social Council decided to continue its consideration of the question, under the item entitled “Economic and environmental questions”, taking into account the relevant decisions of the Assembly and the Security Council (see also Assembly resolution [59/45](#)).

Documentation

No advance documentation requested.

19. Social and human rights questions

(a) Advancement of women

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its sixty-fifth session (15–26 March 2021) (Council resolutions [11 \(II\)](#), [1987/22](#) and [1996/6](#)). The provisional agenda and documentation for the sixty-fifth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2020/223.

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution [34/180](#), annex). Under article 21 of the Convention, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women reports annually on its activities to the Assembly through the Council and may make suggestions and general recommendations based on the examination of reports and information received from the States parties to the Convention.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its sixty-fifth session ([E/2021/27](#)) (Supplement No. 7) (Council resolutions [11 \(II\)](#), [1987/22](#) and [1996/6](#) and decision 2020/223)

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the outcomes of the 2020 sessions of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution [34/180](#), annex)

(b) Social development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission for Social Development on its fifty-ninth session (8–17 February 2021) (Council resolutions [10 \(II\)](#), [1139 \(XLI\)](#) and [1996/7](#)). The provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-ninth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2020/212.

In its resolutions [73/144](#) and [74/124](#), the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit to it at its seventy-fifth and seventy-sixth sessions, through the Commission and the Council, a report on the implementation of the objectives of the International Year of the Family and its follow-up processes by Member States and by agencies and bodies of the United Nations system and on the appropriate ways and means to observe the thirtieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family, in 2024.

In its resolution [74/122](#), the General Assembly invited the Council to give appropriate consideration to the commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the World Summit for Social Development by organizing a meeting during the regular programme of work of the substantive session of the Council, within existing resources. The Assembly and the Council held a joint informal high-level meeting to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the World Summit for Social Development, on 1 December 2020.

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its fifty-ninth session ([E/2021/26](#)) (Supplement No. 6) (Council resolutions [10 \(II\)](#), [1139 \(XLI\)](#) and [1996/7](#) and decision 2020/212)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the objectives of the International Year of the Family and its follow-up processes ([A/76/61-E/2021/4](#)) (General Assembly resolutions [73/144](#) and [74/124](#))

(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its reconvened twenty-ninth session (Vienna, 3–4 December 2020) (Council decisions 2009/251 and 2011/259).

The Council will also have before it the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its thirtieth session (Vienna, 17–21 May 2021) (Council resolution [1992/1](#) and decision 1993/242). A revised provisional agenda for the twenty-ninth session of the Commission was approved by the Council in its decision 2020/230.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its reconvened twenty-ninth session ([E/2020/30/Add.1](#)) (Supplement No. 10A) (Council decisions 2009/251 and 2011/259)

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its thirtieth session ([E/2021/30](#)) (Supplement No. 10) (Council resolution [1992/1](#) and decisions 1993/242 and 2020/230)

(d) Narcotic drugs

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its reconvened sixty-third session (Vienna, 2–4 December 2020) (Council decisions 2009/251 and 2011/259).

The Council will also have before it the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its sixty-fourth session (Vienna, 12–16 April 2021) (Council resolutions [9 \(I\)](#) and [1991/39](#)). The provisional agenda for the sixty-fourth session of the Commission was approved by the Council in its decision 2020/214.

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2020. In accordance with article 15, paragraph 1, of the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, article 18, paragraph 1, of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances, and article 23, paragraph 1, of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, the Board will report to the Council, through the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, on its work for 2020.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its reconvened sixty-third session ([E/2020/28/Add.1](#)) (Supplement No. 8A) (Council decisions 2009/251 and 2011/259)

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its sixty-fourth session ([E/2021/28](#)) (Supplement No. 8) (Council resolutions [9 \(I\)](#) and [1991/39](#) and decision 2020/214)

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2020 ([E/INCB/2020/1](#)) (article 15, paragraph 1, of the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs; article 18, paragraph 1, of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances; and article 23, paragraph 1, of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances)

(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

In its resolution [58/153](#), the General Assembly decided that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees should make an annual oral report to the Council to keep it informed of the coordination aspects of the work of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and, as established in paragraph 11 of its statute

(General Assembly resolution [428 \(V\)](#), annex), should continue the existing practice of presenting an annual written report to the Assembly.

Documentation

No advance documentation requested.

(f) Human rights

The Council will have before it the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution [48/141](#)).

The Council will also have before it the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its 2020 sessions (Council resolutions [1988 \(LX\)](#), [1985/17](#) and [1995/39](#)).

Documentation

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution [48/141](#))

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its 2020 sessions ([E/2021/22](#)) (Supplement No. 2) (Council resolutions [1988 \(LX\)](#), [1985/17](#) and [1995/39](#))

(g) Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

The Council will have before it the report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its twentieth session (19–30 April 2021) (Council resolution [2000/22](#)). The venue, dates and provisional agenda for the twentieth session of the Forum were approved by the Council in its decision 2020/218.

Documentation

Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its twentieth session ([E/2021/43](#)) (Supplement No. 23) (Council resolution [2000/22](#) and decisions 2020/217 and 2020/218)

(h) Comprehensive implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

In its resolution [62/220](#), the General Assembly decided that the Assembly, through its role in policy formulation, the Council, through its role in overall guidance and coordination, in accordance with their respective roles under the Charter and Assembly resolution [50/227](#), and the Human Rights Council should constitute a three-tiered intergovernmental process for the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, adopted by the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance. In the same resolution, the Assembly reaffirmed that the Human Rights Council should continue to have a central role in the monitoring of the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action within the United Nations system and in advising the Assembly thereon.

Documentation

No advance documentation requested.

20. United Nations research and training institutes

In accordance with General Assembly resolution [60/214](#), the biennial reports on the activities of the United Nations System Staff College are submitted to the Council.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution [61/216](#), the report of the Council of the United Nations University and other reports on the work of the University are submitted biennially to the Economic and Social Council.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution [62/210](#), the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research is submitted biennially to the Council (see also Council resolutions 2011/11 and [2013/45](#)).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations System Staff College (General Assembly resolution [60/214](#))

Report of the Council of the United Nations University on the work of the University (General Assembly resolution [61/216](#))

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (General Assembly resolution [62/210](#) and Council resolutions 2011/11 and [2013/45](#))

Annex

Basic programme of work for the 2021 session of the Economic and Social Council

Changes to the programme of work will be reflected on the website of the Economic and Social Council, in its “ECOSOC Place” module in the e-deleGATE portal and in the *Journal of the United Nations*.

Organizational session (23 July 2020)

Election of the Bureau (item 1)¹

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (item 2)

Basic programme of work of the Council (item 3)

Management meetings (20 April 2021)²

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments (item 4)

Development Cooperation Forum (6 and 7 May 2021)

High-level segment (item 5)

(c) Development Cooperation Forum.³

Operational activities for development segment (18–20 May 2021)

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation (item 7)

(a) Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council;

(b) Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund/United Nations Office for Project Services, the United Nations Children’s Fund, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, and the World Food Programme;

(c) South-South cooperation for development.⁴

¹ Item remains open for the duration of the 2021 session (23 July 2020–22 July 2021).

² Pursuant to General Assembly resolution [72/305](#), dedicated management meetings will be held to conduct elections to fill regular and outstanding vacancies in subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council and related bodies, normally in the first half and last quarter of the year.

³ Pursuant to Council resolutions [2020/3](#) of 14 April 2020 and [2021/1](#) of 21 July 2020.

⁴ The General Assembly, in its resolution [71/318](#), postponed the twentieth session of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation, which was to be held in 2018, to June 2019. Accordingly, the Council, in its decision 2018/210, postponed its consideration of the sub-item from its 2018 session to its 2019 session. In its decision 73/553, the Assembly decided to further postpone the twentieth session of the High-level Committee to May 2020 and decided that it should consist of a one-day organizational meeting and a four-day substantive session. At its 2019 session, the Council decided to consider the sub-item at its 2020 session. In its decision 74/553, the Assembly, noting with concern the situation concerning the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, decided to further postpone the twentieth session of the High-level Committee to a later date. At its 2020 session, the Council decided to consider the sub-item at its 2021 session.

Humanitarian affairs segment (Geneva, 23–25 June 2021)

Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance (item 9)

Management segment (8 and 9 June and 21 and 22 July 2021)⁵

The role of the United Nations system in the integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development into the implementation of and follow-up to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (item 10)

Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits (item 11)

- (a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development;
- (b) Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011–2020.

Coordination, programme and other questions (item 12)

- (a) Reports of coordination bodies;
- (b) Proposed programme budget for 2022;
- (c) Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system;
- (d) Long-term programme of support for Haiti;
- (e) African countries emerging from conflict;
- (f) Prevention and control of non-communicable diseases;
- (g) Sustainable development in the Sahel;
- (h) Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS;
- (i) Calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields.

Implementation of General Assembly resolutions [50/227](#), [52/12 B](#), [57/270 B](#), [60/265](#), [61/16](#), [67/290](#), [68/1](#) and [72/305](#) (item 13)

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (item 14)

Regional cooperation (item 15)

Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan (item 16)

Non-governmental organizations (item 17)

Economic and environmental questions (item 18)

- (a) Sustainable development;
- (b) Science and technology for development;
- (c) Statistics;

⁵ The matrix of anticipated action at the June and July 2021 management segment meetings will be available on the management segment page in the Council's "ECOSOC Place" module of the e-deleGATE portal and on the Council's website in advance of the segment.

- (d) Human settlements;
- (e) Environment;
- (f) Population and development;
- (g) Public administration and development;
- (h) International cooperation in tax matters;
- (i) Geospatial information;
- (j) Women and development;
- (k) United Nations Forum on Forests;
- (l) Transport of dangerous goods;
- (m) Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions.

Social and human rights questions (item 19)

- (a) Advancement of women;
- (b) Social development;
- (c) Crime prevention and criminal justice;
- (d) Narcotic drugs;
- (e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;
- (f) Human rights;
- (g) Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues;
- (h) Comprehensive implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

United Nations research and training institutes (item 20)

Integration segment (2 July 2021)

Integration segment (item 8)

High-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Council (6–12 July 2021)

High-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council (item 6)

High-level segment (13–16 July 2021)

High-level segment (item 5)

- (a) Ministerial meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council;
- (b) High-level policy dialogue on future trends and scenarios and the long-term impact of current trends on the realization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.