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### Non-governmental organizations

**Draft decision submitted by the President of the Council,  
Munir Akram (Pakistan)**

### **Date of the 2020 resumed session and dates and provisional agenda of the 2021 session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations**

The Economic and Social Council, recalling its resolutions [2020/3](#) of 14 April 2020 and [2020/4](#) of 4 June 2020 and its decision 2020/210 of 18 June 2020,

(a) Notes that the 2020 resumed session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations did not take place in August 2020, as rescheduled,<sup>1</sup> owing to constraints related to the continuing impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) on the working arrangements of the Council and sessions of its subsidiary bodies;

(b) Decides to authorize, on an exceptional basis, the holding of the 2020 resumed session of the Committee, consisting of one meeting, in the last quarter of 2020, to review, pursuant to resolution [2008/4](#) of 21 July 2008, the suspension, withdrawal and reinstatement of status of non-governmental organizations;

(c) Also decides that, owing to the impossibility of convening a full-scale resumed session in 2020 as a result of the aforementioned constraints, the 2021 regular session of the Committee shall be held from 18 to 29 January and on 10 February 2021, and its resumed session from 17 to 25 May and on 27 May and 7 June 2021;

(d) Further decides, on an exceptional basis, to authorize the Committee to consider the documentation issued for the 2020 resumed session at its 2021 session;

(e) Approves the provisional agenda for the 2021 session of the Committee as set out below:

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<sup>1</sup> See resolution [2020/4](#), para. 2 (c) (ii).



**Provisional agenda**

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations:
  - (a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee;
  - (b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification;
  - (c) Applications of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that have merged with non-governmental organizations without such consultative status.
4. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council:
  - (a) Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council;
  - (b) Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council.
5. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat.
6. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution [1996/31](#), including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304:
  - (a) Process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations;
  - (b) Consideration of issues on the agenda of the informal working group;
  - (c) Other related matters.
7. Consideration of special reports.
8. General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network.
9. Provisional agenda and documentation for the 2022 session of the Committee.
10. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

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