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Item 2 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Provisional agenda

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Annotations

1. Election of the Bureau

Rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council provides that, each year at the commencement of its first meeting, the Council shall elect a President and four Vice-Presidents from among the representatives of its members. The membership of the Council in 2009 is given in the annex below. According to the equitable geographical rotation of the office of President among the regional groups, the President for 2009 should be the representative of a member of the Western European and Other States group. The four Vice-Presidents of the Council shall be elected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution from the regional groups, excluding that to which the President belongs.

The President and Vice-Presidents shall constitute the Bureau. The Council, upon the recommendation of the President, shall decide on the special responsibilities of each of the Vice-Presidents.

Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77, a meeting of the Council will be held on 15 January 2009 for the election of the Bureau.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the Council provides that, at the beginning of each session, after the election of the Bureau when required under rule 18, the Council shall adopt the agenda for the session.



The present provisional agenda has been prepared in conformity with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 48/162 and of other relevant legislative decisions, including, in particular, the provisions of Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 61/16.

3. Basic programme of work of the Council

In accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Council shall draw up, at its organizational session, with the assistance of the Secretary-General, its basic programme of work for the year.

Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77 on the revitalization of the Council, the President, prior to the organizational session, and with the cooperation of the other members of the Bureau, will arrange for consultations with members of the Council on the draft programme of work and provisional agenda prepared by the Secretary-General and make proposals thereon for consideration by the Council.

The Council will have before it the proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2009 and 2010 (E/2009/1) prepared by the Secretariat in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Council and of the General Assembly.

Pursuant to Council decision 1982/174 on the rationalization of the work of the Council, the Council decided to identify, at its annual organizational session, a subject relating to interregional cooperation, of common interest to all regions, for detailed consideration under the agenda item on regional cooperation, and to request the executive secretaries of the regional commissions to submit their joint recommendations in that regard to the Council at its annual organizational session.

The Council's attention is drawn to General Assembly resolution 52/12 B, by which the Assembly decided to create a humanitarian affairs segment of the Council. In accordance with Council decision 1999/208, the Council, at its organizational session, may wish to select a theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of its substantive session of 2009.

Pursuant to Council decision 2006/206 on adapting the work of the Economic and Social Council, the President of the Council will convene consultations of the Council, on an as available basis, to adapt its organization of work, agenda and current methods of work in pursuance of paragraphs 155 and 156 of the 2005 World Summit Outcome and the related provisions of General Assembly resolution 61/16.

In its decision 2007/272, the Council decided that the theme of the high-level segment of its substantive session of 2009 would be "Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to global public health".

In its decision 2008/257, the Council decided that the theme of the thematic discussion of its substantive session of 2009 would be "Current global and national trends and their impact on social development, including public health".

In its resolution 2008/29, the Council decided that the coordination segment of its substantive session of 2009 would be devoted to the theme of the 2008 ministerial declaration on implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to sustainable development.

Documentation

Proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2009 and 2010 (E/2009/1)

4. Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

The Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in its subsidiary bodies.

Documentation

Addendum to the provisional agenda of the organizational session for 2009
(E/2009/2/Add.1)¹

¹ To be issued.

Annex

Members of the Economic and Social Council for 2009

	<i>Term expires on 31 December</i>
Algeria	2009
Barbados	2009
Belarus	2009
Bolivia	2009
Brazil	2010
Cameroon	2010
Canada	2009
Cape Verde	2009
China	2010
Congo	2010
Côte d'Ivoire	2011
El Salvador	2009
Estonia	2011
France	2011
Germany	2011
Greece	2011
Guatemala	2011
Guinea-Bissau	2011
India	2011
Indonesia	2009
Iraq	2009
Japan	2011
Kazakhstan	2009
Liechtenstein	2011
Luxembourg	2009
Malawi	2009
Malaysia	2010
Mauritius	2011
Morocco	2011

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Mozambique	2010
Namibia	2011
Netherlands	2009
New Zealand	2010
Niger	2010
Norway	2010
Pakistan	2010
Peru	2011
Philippines	2009
Poland	2010
Portugal	2011
Republic of Korea	2010
Republic of Moldova	2010
Romania	2009
Russian Federation	2010
Saint Kitts and Nevis	2011
Saint Lucia	2010
Saudi Arabia	2011
Somalia	2009
Sudan	2009
Sweden	2010
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2010
United States of America	2009
Uruguay	2010
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	2011
