

1992/219. Resumption of the organizational Session for 1992 of the Economic and Social Council

1. At its 7th plenary meeting, on 30 April 1992, the Economic and Social Council, in the spirit of the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, as provided for in General Assembly resolutions 45/264 of 13 May 1991 and 46/235 of 13 April 1992, and in response to the request of the Commission on Human Rights contained in Commission decision 1992/117 of 5 March 1992,¹² decided, as an exceptional measure and without prejudice to the content of Assembly resolution 45/264, to resume its organizational session again on 28 and 29 May 1992 to assure the continued, timely and efficient functioning of its subsidiary bodies.

2. The Council, at its resumed organizational session, would consider and decide on provisional administrative measures related to the mandates adopted by the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-eighth session, which would apply on a temporary basis until the Council took a formal decision on those mandates at its substantive session of 1992, it being understood that the provisional administrative measures should not be construed or interpreted as a confirmation of the mandates and that the mandates could not be confirmed before the Council held a substantive discussion on them.

3. The Council stressed that the decision had been taken on the clear understanding that it responded to the requirements of an exceptional situation resulting from the reorganization of its work. It was thus understood that the decision should by no means constitute a precedent and that it was the intention of the Council to ensure that, in the future, administrative arrangements for the implementation of activities related to Council mandates had to be initiated after, and on the basis of, substantive consideration and express approval of each specific mandate by the Council. It was agreed that the need for strictly observing that practice would be of paramount concern in the organization of all future work of the Council and of its subsidiary bodies, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/264.

4. Provisional administrative arrangements decided upon by the Council at its resumed organizational session to facilitate the activities of special rapporteurs/representatives and working groups would be automatically terminated if their corresponding mandates were not confirmed by the Council at its substantive session of 1992.

5. The Council, at its resumed organizational session, would consider and decide on the regional allocation of seats in the three subsidiary bodies which the General Assembly in its resolution 46/235 had requested it to

establish, namely, the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development.

6. The Council decided that nothing contained in the present decision was to be considered in any way to prejudge or determine the substantive discussion of human rights, including the question of mandates, to be held at the substantive session of 1992 of the Council.

7. The Council also decided to consider, at its resumed organizational session, subjects that merited urgent consideration, referred to it by its other subsidiary bodies.