

ECOSOC Resolution 2008/28

The role of the United Nations system in implementing the ministerial declaration on strengthening efforts to eradicate poverty and hunger, including through the global partnership for development, adopted at the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2007 of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the United Nations Millennium Declaration¹ and the 2005 World Summit Outcome,²

Recalling also the ministerial declaration adopted at the high-level segment of its substantive session of 2007,³

Recalling further its decision 2007/261 of 27 July 2007 on the theme of the 2008 coordination segment,

Recognizing that the challenge of eradicating poverty and hunger requires a comprehensive and multidimensional response by the United Nations system, including the funds, programmes and agencies, as appropriate within their respective mandates,

Reaffirming the commitments to the global partnership for development set out in the United Nations Millennium Declaration, the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development⁴ and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (“Johannesburg Plan of Implementation”),⁵

1. *Requests* the funds, programmes and agencies of the United Nations system, as appropriate within their mandates, to make further progress towards more comprehensive, coherent and multidimensional approaches in the formulation of their policies, programmes and operations supporting the eradication of poverty and hunger;

2. *Also requests* the funds, programmes and agencies of the United Nations system, as appropriate within their mandates, to strengthen their efforts to provide policy support to developing countries and assist them upon request in building their capacity to analyse the impact of a broad range of policy areas on the eradication of poverty and hunger, including through the promotion of interdisciplinary research and studies;

¹ See General Assembly resolution 55/2.

² See General Assembly resolution 60/1.

³ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/62/3/Rev.1)*, chap. III, sect. C, para. 90.

⁴ *Report of the International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico, 18-22 March 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.II.A.7), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

⁵ *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 2, annex.

3. *Invites* all member organizations of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination to enhance policy coherence and cooperation in areas vital to achieving the eradication of poverty and hunger;

4. *Requests* all member organizations of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination to approach rural and urban development in an integrated manner and to consider ways to support countries' strategies for reducing urban poverty, as appropriate;

5. *Encourages* the funds, programmes and agencies of the United Nations system to promote policy coherence and cooperation on science and technology, where relevant, including information and communications technology where appropriate, for poverty reduction that should promote both the formulation of science and technology programmes and the development of national institutional capacities in science and technology in support of the eradication of poverty and hunger;

6. *Also encourages* the funds, programmes and agencies of the United Nations system, as appropriate within their mandates, to coordinate their assessments of the impact of development cooperation on the eradication of poverty and hunger;

7. *Requests* the funds, programmes and agencies of the United Nations system, as appropriate within their mandates and in consultation with Member States, to continue to promote multi-stakeholder approaches involving local authorities, civil society and the private sector, inter alia, through its system-wide coordination mechanisms for the eradication of poverty and hunger, as appropriate;

8. *Encourages* the United Nations system, especially its funds, programmes and agencies, to continue to accord the highest priority to the eradication of poverty and hunger, as appropriate, in developing the common country assessment and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework, or other frameworks and instruments guiding country-level operational activities, in consultation with Governments;

9. *Encourages* the funds, programmes and agencies of the United Nations system, as appropriate within their mandates, to continue to strengthen efforts to eradicate poverty and hunger, including through the promotion of the global partnership for development, and supporting countries in that regard.

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