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**Role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, in light of relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 61/16**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 45/264 of 13 May 1991, 48/162 of 20 December 1993, 50/227 of 24 May 1996, 52/12 B of 19 December 1999, 57/270 B of 23 June 2003, 60/265 of 30 June 2006 and 61/16 of 20 November 2006,

*Noting* the current segment structure of its substantive session and bearing in mind the role of the coordination segment, as outlined in relevant resolutions,

*Recalling* its agreed conclusions 1995/1 of 28 July 1995<sup>1</sup> and 2002/1 of 26 July 2002<sup>2</sup> and its relevant resolutions and decisions on the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, in light of relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 61/16,

*Recognizing* the important role of the annual ministerial review and the Development Cooperation Forum in strengthening the Economic and Social Council and in promoting the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, in light of relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 61/16;<sup>3</sup>

2. *Underscores* the need to implement General Assembly resolution 57/270 B as well as subsequent resolutions relevant to the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields;

3. *Reiterates* its role as the central mechanism for system-wide coordination as well as its role in promoting the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences in the economic, social and related fields, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and relevant General Assembly resolutions, in particular resolutions 50/227, 57/270 B and 61/16;

4. *Stresses* the need for the United Nations system, including, inter alia, the United Nations funds and programmes and the specialized agencies, to support, in accordance with their respective mandates, the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits;

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<sup>1</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/50/3/Rev.1), chap. III, para. 22.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, *Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/57/3/Rev.1), chap. V, para. 9.

<sup>3</sup> A/64/87-E/2009/89.

5. *Recognizes* the strengthened cooperation between the Economic and Social Council and the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and emphasizes that the interaction should be further improved;

6. *Reiterates* the invitation extended to the organizations of the United Nations system, including the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization, to contribute, within their respective mandates, to the work of the Economic and Social Council, as appropriate, including to the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, in accordance with relevant General Assembly resolutions, including 61/16;

7. *Reaffirms* the important contribution of civil society to the implementation of conference outcomes, and emphasizes that the contribution of non-governmental organizations and the private sector to the work of the Economic and Social Council should be further encouraged and improved, in accordance with the rules and procedures of the Council;

8. *Recognizes* the need for a more effective consideration of the issue of the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, in light of relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 61/16, at its substantive session, and in this regard, decides to review the programme of work for its substantive session so as to avoid duplication and overlap between the coordination and general segments;

9. *Decides* to further review the periodicity of the report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, in light of relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 61/16, for consideration and decision at its 2010 substantive session;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, taking into account the views of Member States, a report on the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, in light of relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 61/16, which should additionally include recommendations on the periodicity of future reports, and to submit the report for consideration at its 2010 substantive session.

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