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2002/35. The need to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal

utilization and accessibility by all States  
*The Economic and Social Council*

Recognizing the interest of Member States in taking full advantage of information and communication technologies for the acceleration of economic and social development,

Recalling its previous resolutions on the need to harmonize and improve United Nations information systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States with due

Ad Hoc Open-ended working Group on informatics on the progress achieved so far in fulfilling its mandate.<sup>115</sup>

approach to assist governments, uncoordinated and unbalanced

to the Committee for Development Policy

impose an additional financial burden for the use of databases and other systems;

2. Requests the President of the Economic and Social Council to convene the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics for one more year to enable it to carry out, from within existing resources and with its mandate as stated in Council resolution 1995/61 of 28 July 1995, its work of facilitating the successful implementation of the initiative on

information technology and of continuing the implementation of measures required to achieve its objectives; in this regard, the Working Group is requested to continue its efforts in order to act as a bridge between the evolving needs of Member States and the actions of the Secretariat;

3. Supports the efforts of the Working Group to keep intact the network of national focal points that was established in cooperation with the year 2000 initiative, and to

appropriate solutions, and in this regard appeals once again to countries and other sources to provide the extrabudgetary resources necessary to maintain the mailing list of the national

4. Requests the Secretary-General to extend full cooperation to the Working Group and to give priority to

implementing its recommendations;

5. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the

the working Group and an assessment of its work and mandate.

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26 July 2002

2002/36. Report of the Committee for Development Policy

*The Economic and Social Council*

on an appropriate programme of work for the Committee for

Taking note with appreciation of the presentation by the Chairman and other members of the Bureau of the Committee and of the report of the Committee on its fourth session,<sup>116</sup>

Having considered the memorandum submitted by the Government of Maldives,<sup>117</sup>

1. Takes note of the report of the Committee for

the least developed countries and the recognition of the importance of ensuring a smooth transition for graduating countries;

2. Requests the Committee to continue its work on the re-examination of its recommendation to graduate Maldives from the list of least developed countries at its fifth session and to submit its recommendations to the Economic and Social

into account the information referred to above and further information to be provided by relevant development partners and multilateral organizations;

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3. Urges the international organizations, bilateral donors and graduating or near graduating countries to continue the debate concerning the treatment of graduating countries with a view to ensuring that the graduation of a country from the list of the least developed countries should not result in disruption to its development plans, programmes and projects and the importance of ensuring a smooth transition from least developed country status for countries that become eligible for graduation;

4. Takes note of the recommendation of the Committee that country vulnerability profiles be prepared for each country

will be available for the preparation of the next triennial review in 2003;

5. Reiterates the importance of consulting with relevant Member States in the preparation and implementation

6. Requests the Committee to continue its work on the

1. Also requests the Committee, at its fifth session, to examine and make recommendations regarding the theme

8. Welcomes the proposals made by the Committee regarding its future programme of work;

9. Invites the Chairman and, as necessary, other

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2002/37. Strengthening the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking into account the fact that the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, within its mandate, is the coordinator of science and technology activities within the United Nations system,

1. Decides that the Commission on Science and Technology for Development should meet annually;

2. Requests the Commission to establish an open-ended working group for the purpose of analysing ways and

means to improve the role and participation of the Commission in the recommendation and policy-making process of the United Nations system on science and technology issues, with the aim of working towards the strengthening of the Commission. The Working Group should submit to the next session of the Commission concrete measures for adoption;

3. Decides to study the feasibility of establishing an international mechanism for supporting and enhancing research and development within the developing countries and in areas critical to the developing countries especially in the fields of health, education and agriculture.

26 July 2002

2002/38. Coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda

Recalling the Declaration on Cities and Other Human

19 December 1977, and further stressing the importance of

Recalling further the goal contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration<sup>3</sup> of achieving a significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum-dwellers by 2020,

enhance the implementation of the Habitat Agenda,<sup>119</sup> the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium and the relevant goals of the Millennium Declaration, particularly in developing countries,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General,<sup>120</sup>

1. Invites Governments in a position to do so to increase their financial contributions to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation, and also invites international financial institutions, as appropriate, to assist

<sup>118</sup> General Assembly resolution S-25/2, annex.

<sup>119</sup> Report of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), Istanbul, 3-14 June 1996 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.97.IV.6), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

<sup>120</sup> E/2002/48.