

1999/4. Long-term programme of support for Haiti

The Economic and Social Council

1. *Recalls* paragraph 17 of its agreed conclusions 1998/1 of 17 July 1998,⁶ in which the Council noted the need to develop, through a strategic framework, when appropriate, a comprehensive approach to countries in crisis, in which key aspects of durable recovery, peace-building, all human rights, sustained economic growth and sustainable development, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences, were included. The development of such a comprehensive approach must involve national authorities as well as the United Nations system, donors and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations. National authorities must take a leading role in all aspects of the recovery plan;

2. *Affirms* the leading role of the Government of Haiti in all aspects of the recovery plans for Haiti;

3. *Takes note* of paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 1212 (1998) of 25 November 1998, in which the Economic and Social Council was invited to contribute to the elaboration of a long-term programme of support for Haiti, and of the exchange of letters between the Presidents of the Economic and Social Council and the Security Council,⁷

4. *Decides* to create an Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti, composed of representatives of five Economic and Social Council members, designated by the President of the Council on the basis of equitable geographical distribution and in consultation with regional groups and the Government of Haiti;

5. *Also decides* that the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti should submit to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1999, for its consideration, its recommendations on how to ensure that international community assistance to the efforts to support the Government of Haiti in achieving sustainable development is adequate, coherent, well coordinated and effective;

6. *Requests* the Group to ensure that the Government of Haiti is fully involved in its work;

7. *Encourages* other interested Member States, including in particular the Friends of Haiti, to contribute to the work of the Group, and requests the Group to consider ways and means to facilitate their doing so;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General and his Special Representative for Haiti, relevant United Nations funds and programmes and the specialized agencies, including the World Bank, to provide all necessary assistance to the Group;

9. *Invites* other relevant multilateral institutions, in particular the Inter-American Development Bank, regional

organizations and bilateral donors, to cooperate fully with the Group.

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1999/5. Poverty eradication and capacity-building

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 51/178 of 16 December 1996 on the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty and 53/192 of 15 December 1998 on the triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General,⁸

2. *Recognizes* that investment in human resources and domestic and international policies supportive of economic and social development are essential prerequisites for the eradication of poverty;

3. *Calls upon* the programmes, funds and agencies of the United Nations system to continue to give priority and to further enhance support to developing countries in their efforts to eradicate poverty;

4. *Recognizes* that formulating, coordinating, implementing, monitoring and assessing integrated poverty eradication strategies, including through capacity-building initiatives, is the primary responsibility of the Governments of recipient countries, and calls upon the United Nations system to support these efforts upon the request of national Governments;

5. *Calls upon* the United Nations development system organizations to support the strengthening of the capacity of Governments to establish data banks and to carry out poverty assessments at the country level;

6. *Calls upon* the United Nations system, upon the request of Governments, to support policy analysis activities at the national and international levels, in particular regarding indicators relating to poverty eradication and human development strategies;

7. *Requests* the organizations of the United Nations system to continue to support, in a coherent and coordinated manner, national efforts to empower people living in poverty, in particular women, through, *inter alia*, education, sustainable livelihoods, health services, in particular health care, and employment-creation policies;

8. *Reaffirms* the importance of mainstreaming gender perspectives into all poverty eradication policies, including through gender-impact analyses, as women constitute the majority of persons living in poverty;

⁶ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 3* and corrigendum (A/53/3 and Corr.1), chap. VII, para. 5.

⁷ E/1999/7-S/1999/170 and E/1999/12-S/1999/403.

⁸ E/1999/55 and Add.1 and 2.