

implementation of the present resolution, ensuring full integration between the review and follow-up processes of the Millennium Summit and of other conferences and summits.

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26 July 2001*

**2001/22. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits: coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General<sup>63</sup> on the implementation of agreed conclusions 2000/1 of the Economic and Social Council<sup>64</sup> on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda,<sup>65</sup>*

*Welcoming the actions taken by the Secretary-General in response to agreed conclusions 2000/1 of the Council, including the appointment of a full-time Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat),*

*Recalling General Assembly resolution 35/77 C of 5 December 1980,*

1. *Reiterates* the need for the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), as the focal point for the implementation of the Habitat Agenda,<sup>65</sup> to participate in all aspects of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and its subsidiary machinery;

2. *Looks forward* to the report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session on options for reviewing and strengthening the mandate and status of the Commission on Human Settlements and the status, role and function of the Centre, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council and decisions of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II);

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to implement, within the framework of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and in accordance with paragraph 66 of the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth special session,<sup>66</sup> the establishment of the Habitat Agenda task manager system in order to allow better monitoring and mutual

reinforcement of actions taken by international agencies in support of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda;

4. *Also invites* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Council at its substantive session of 2002 on the implementation of the present resolution.

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**2001/23. Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1999/36 of 28 July 1999,

*Having considered* the report of the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS),<sup>67</sup>

*Expressing concern* about the continued global spread of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and the resulting increase in cases of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS),

*Recalling* the HIV/AIDS goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration of 8 September 2000,<sup>1</sup>

*Also recalling* the successful convening of the special session of the General Assembly on HIV/AIDS from 25 to 27 June 2001, and the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS adopted at the end of the session,<sup>68</sup>

*Encouraged* by the resolve of Governments to implement, on an urgent basis, the goals and commitments contained in the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS in order to accelerate the response to the epidemic,

1. *Urges* all the organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, in particular the co-sponsors and secretariat of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), to give priority to the full implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS,<sup>68</sup> including through support to Governments in their expanded national responses to the epidemic;

2. *Also urges* the co-sponsors of the Programme, other participating organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and the secretariat of the Programme to refine their respective strategic objectives on HIV/AIDS in the light of the goals of the special session of the General Assembly on HIV/AIDS and to monitor progress in implementation;

<sup>63</sup> E/2001/62.

<sup>64</sup> *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/55/3/Rev.1)*, chap. V, para. 6.

<sup>65</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 I, annex II.

<sup>66</sup> General Assembly resolution S-25/2, annex.

<sup>67</sup> E/2001/82.

<sup>68</sup> General Assembly resolution S-26/2, annex.

3. *Calls upon* the United Nations system, in collaboration with all relevant stakeholders, to strengthen further coordinated action at the country level;

4. *Encourages* the Executive Director of the Programme to draw upon the administrative and financial support systems of all co-sponsors of the Programme, as appropriate, so as to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of support provided by the secretariat of the Programme;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Economic and Social Council, at its substantive session of 2003, a report prepared by the Executive Director of the Programme, in collaboration with other relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, which should include the progress made in developing a coordinated response by the United Nations system to the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

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**2001/24. 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 communications 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 access by all States, with due regard to all official languages,

*Stressing* the need to ensure complementarities between the mandates of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics and of the Information and Communication Technologies Task Force,

*Welcoming* the report presented by the Chairman of the Working Group on the progress achieved so far in fulfilling its mandate,<sup>69</sup>

1. *Reiterates* the high priority that it attaches to easy, economical, uncomplicated and unhindered access for States Members of the United Nations and observers as well as non-governmental organizations accredited to the United Nations, to the computerized databases and information systems and services of the United Nations, provided that the unhindered access of non-governmental organizations shall not prejudice the access of Member States and that it shall not 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, its work of facilitating the successful implementation of the initiatives being taken by the Secretary-General with regard to the use of information technology and of continuing the implementation of measures required to achieve its objectives. In this regard, the Working Group is requested to continue:

(a) To improve electronic connectivity via the Internet for all Member States in their capitals and at major United Nations locations, inter alia, through the enhanced connectivity of permanent missions to the Internet and United Nations databases;

(b) To improve the access of Member States to a wider database of United Nations information on economic and social, development and political issues and other substantive programming areas, and to have all official documents available via the Internet;

(c) To improve electronic links among Member States, the United Nations and the specialized agencies;

(d) To provide training for the staff of permanent missions to enable them to take full advantage of the facilities being developed for Member States;

(e) To enhance the capacity of Member States to access United Nations data online, using low-cost telecommunications links or providing other modalities, such as CD-ROM, whereby Member States can have access to specialized databases not available on the Internet;

(f) To make arrangements, as appropriate, to provide permanent missions of developing countries with hardware platforms to utilize Internet technology;

(g) To use videoconferencing on a more frequent basis, as appropriate, to further communication and interaction within the United Nations system and between the United Nations, permanent missions and academic institutions;

(h) To intensify contacts with the private sector so as to bring its wealth of experience to contribute positively to the work of the Working Group;

(i) To make greater use of projector/screen units for negotiations;

(j) To establish a password-protected system of mailing lists and bulletin boards on the United Nations web site to facilitate the dissemination of information among the United Nations missions;

(k) To explore ways to fully use the potential of information and communication technologies in order to speed up translation processes;

<sup>69</sup> See E/2001/96.