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Strengthening of the United Nations system

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Non-governmental organizations

The General Assembly, having considered the report of the Secretary-General on arrangements and practices for the interaction of non-governmental organizations in all activities of the United Nations system,¹ and recalling the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, in particular its Article 71, General Assembly decision 52/453 of 18 December 1997 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 and decision 1996/297, both of 25 July 1996, as well as the interpretative statement read by the President of the Council upon the adoption of the latter decision, decides to request the Secretary-General:

(a) To seek the views of Member States, members of the specialized agencies, observers and intergovernmental organizations, as well as the views of non-governmental organizations from all regions, on his report;¹

(b) To submit a further report to the General Assembly, at its fifty-fourth session, in accordance with Assembly decision 52/453, taking into account the submissions received; and also decides to continue its consideration of this question at its fifty-fourth session under the item entitled "Strengthening of the United Nations system".

¹ A/53/170.