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Chapter I

Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

A. Draft resolutions for adoption by the Council

1. The Commission for Social Development recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

(a) Draft resolution I: “Future organization and methods of work of the Commission for Social Development” ([E/CN.5/2025/L.7](#));

(b) Draft resolution II: “Social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa’s Development” ([E/CN.5/2025/L.5](#));

(c) Draft resolution III: “Strengthening solidarity, social inclusion and social cohesion to accelerate the delivery of the commitments of the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development as well as the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” ([E/CN.5/2025/L.4](#));

(d) Draft resolution IV: “Modalities for the fifth review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002” ([E/CN.5/2025/L.6](#)).

B. Draft decision for adoption by the Council

2. The Commission for Social Development recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its sixty-third session and provisional agenda of and documentation for the sixty-fourth session

The Economic and Social Council:

(a) Takes note of the report of the Commission for Social Development on its sixty-third session;¹

(b) Approves the provisional agenda of and documentation for the sixty-fourth session of the Commission.²

C. Decision calling for action by the Council

3. Pursuant to the following decision, adopted by the Commission, the Economic and Social Council is requested to confirm the nomination of three candidates to the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development:

Nomination of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

The Commission decided to nominate the following candidates as members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development:

¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2025, Supplement No. 6 (E/2025/26).*

² [E/CN.5/2025/L.1](#).

- (a) Olivier de Schutter and Graziella Moraes Silva for an additional two-year term of office beginning on 1 July 2025;
- (b) Jenina Joy Chavez for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 July 2025.

D. Resolution brought to the attention of the Council

4. The Commission for Social Development brings to the attention of the Economic and Social Council the draft resolution entitled “Policies and programmes involving youth” ([E/CN.5/2025/L.3](#)).

Chapter II

Organizational matters: future organization and methods of work of the Commission for Social Development

5. At its 10th meeting, the Commission considered the review of its methods of work under agenda item 2.

6. At the same meeting, the representative of the Russian Federation made a statement with regard to the draft resolutions before the Commission under agenda items 2, 3, 3 (a) and 3 (b).

Action taken by the Commission

7. Also at the same meeting, the Commission adopted draft resolution [E/CN.5/2025/L.7](#), submitted by the Vice-Chair (Austria) on the basis of informal consultations, and recommended it to the Economic and Social Council for adoption (see chap. I.A).

Chapter III

Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

8. The Commission considered agenda item 3 at its 2nd to 10th meetings. The Director of the Division for Inclusive Social Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs introduced the documentation under item 3:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development ([E/CN.5/2025/2](#));

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening social cohesion through social inclusion ([E/CN.5/2025/3](#));

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on policies and programmes involving youth ([E/CN.5/2025/4](#));

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the modalities for the fifth review and appraisal of the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002 ([E/CN.5/2025/5](#));

(e) Note by the Secretariat on social resilience and social development ([E/CN.5/2025/7](#));

(f) Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for and observance of the thirtieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family ([A/80/61-E/2025/11](#)).

Action taken by the Commission under agenda item 3

Social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development

9. At the 10th meeting, the representative of Iraq (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced a draft resolution entitled "Social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development" ([E/CN.5/2025/L.5](#)).

10. At the same meeting, the Commission adopted draft resolution [E/CN.5/2025/L.5](#) and recommended it to the Economic and Social Council for adoption (see chap. I.A).

A. Priority theme: strengthening solidarity, social inclusion and social cohesion to accelerate the delivery of the commitments of the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development as well as the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

11. The Commission considered sub-item 3 (a) at its 2nd to 5th and 7th to 10th meetings and held a joint general discussion on sub-items 3 (a) and (b) at its 2nd to 5th and 7th meetings. A record of the Member States, observers, United Nations system entities and non-governmental organizations that delivered statements during the general discussion is available at <https://espeakers.unmeetings.org/679d33f0a4c34d6147edb23731012025>.

Panel discussions (agenda item 3 (a))

High-level panel discussion

12. At its 2nd meeting, the Commission held a high-level panel discussion on the theme "Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development, in view of the World

Social Summit under the title ‘the Second World Summit for Social Development’”, moderated by the President of the Club de Madrid, Danilo Türk, who made a keynote statement. Representatives of Switzerland, France, Greece, the European Commission and the Institute for Applied Economic Research gave presentations.³ During the ensuing interactive discussion, the representatives of India and Qatar and the observers for Türkiye, Chile and Cuba made statements. The observer for the European Union also made a statement. Representatives of the following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council also made statements: Baha’i International Community and UNANIMA International.

Ministerial forum

13. At its 4th meeting, the Commission held a ministerial forum on the theme “Strengthening solidarity and social cohesion”, moderated by the Chair of the Commission, who made an introductory statement. Representatives of Finland, Sweden, Uganda, Guatemala and Djibouti gave presentations.³ During the ensuing interactive discussion, the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the observers for Türkiye, Panama, Chile, the Philippines and Cuba made statements. The observer for the European Union also made a statement. A representative of the following non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council also made a statement: Children and Youth International.

Interactive dialogue with senior officials of the United Nations system

14. At its 8th meeting, the Commission held an interactive dialogue with senior officials of the United Nations system on the theme “Preparations for the World Social Summit under the title of ‘the Second World Summit for Social Development’”, moderated by the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Navid Hanif, who made a statement. Representatives of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, the International Labour Organization, the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the Economic Commission for Africa gave presentations.³ During the ensuing interactive discussion, the representatives of Zimbabwe, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Brazil and the observers for the Philippines, Chile and Burkina Faso made statements. The observer for the European Union also made a statement. The representative of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme also made a statement. Representatives of the following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council also made statements: Human Rights Now; Global Organization for Sustainable Development Goals, Inc.; and Children and Youth International.

Multi-stakeholder forum

15. At its 9th meeting, the Commission held a multi-stakeholder forum on the theme “Promoting solidarity and social cohesion through cooperatives, the social and solidarity economy as a path for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals”, moderated by the Principal Social Affairs Officer of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Konstantinos Papadakis, who made a statement. Representatives of Paraguay, Mongolia and France gave presentations.³ During the ensuing interactive discussion, the representative of Burundi and the observers for Chile and Burkina Faso made statements. The observer for the European Union also made a statement.

³ Full details are available at <https://social.desa.un.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/CSocD63-List-Speakers-Panellists-28Feb2025.pdf>.

Representatives of the following non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council also made statements: International Cooperative Alliance; The Inclusivity Project, Inc.; Children and Youth International; and International Society for Human Rights.

Action taken by the Commission on agenda item 3 (a)

16. At its 10th meeting, the Commission adopted a draft resolution entitled “Strengthening solidarity, social inclusion and social cohesion to accelerate the delivery of the commitments of the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development as well as the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” ([E/CN.5/2025/L.4](#)), submitted by the Chair (Poland), on the basis of informal consultations, and recommended it to the Economic and Social Council for adoption (see chap. I.A).

17. After the adoption, the representatives of Burundi and Djibouti and the observer for Senegal made statements.

B. Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups

18. The Commission considered sub-item 3 (b) at its 2nd to 5th, 7th and 10th meetings and held a joint general discussion on sub-items 3 (a) and (b) (see para. 10).

Action taken by the Commission on agenda item 3 (b)

19. At the 10th meeting, the representative of Portugal introduced a draft resolution entitled “Policies and programmes involving youth” ([E/CN.5/2025/L.3](#)), on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document. Subsequently, Albania, Armenia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Djibouti, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Greece, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Poland, Qatar, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Turkmenistan, Türkiye, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United Republic of Tanzania, Uzbekistan, Zambia and Zimbabwe joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

20. At the same meeting, Algeria, Botswana, Egypt, Israel, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Peru, South Africa, Togo and Tunisia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

21. Also at the same meeting, the Commission adopted the draft resolution (see chap. I.D).

22. After the adoption, the observer for Hungary made a statement.

23. Also at its 10th meeting, the Commission adopted a draft resolution entitled “Modalities for the fifth review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002” ([E/CN.5/2025/L.6](#)), submitted by the Vice-Chair (Qatar) on the basis of informal consultations, and recommended it to the Economic and Social Council for adoption (see chap. I.A).

24. After the adoption, the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement.

C. Emerging issues: social resilience and social development

Panel discussions on emerging issues (agenda item 3 (c))

25. At its 6th meeting, the Commission held two panel discussions on agenda item 3 (c). The first panel discussion was held on the theme “Policies to bolster social resilience in the context of more frequent and complex crises”, moderated by the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Community Development and Social Services of Zambia, Angela Kawandami, who made a statement. Representatives of the World Bank, Human Capital Africa, the Kaminski Foundation and the Open University of Israel gave presentations.³ During the ensuing interactive discussion, the representatives of Brazil, Switzerland, India and Zimbabwe and the observers for Panama, Chile, the Philippines, Mali and Burkina Faso made statements. The observer for the European Union also made a statement.

26. At the same meeting, the Commission held a panel discussion on the theme “Universal rights-based social protection systems that adapt to evolving risks and support social resilience”, moderated by the Lead Social Scientist in the Development Research Group of the World Bank, Michael Woolcock, who made a statement. Representatives of the Club de Madrid, Zambia, Paraguay and Brazil gave presentations.³ During the ensuing interactive discussion, the representatives of Zambia and India and the observers for Panama, the Philippines and Jamaica made statements. The observer for the European Union also made a statement. Representatives of the following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council also made statements: Life Project 4 Youth and Ágora Ciudadanos Cambiando México.

Chapter IV

Programme questions and other matters

27. The Commission considered sub-items 4 (a) and (b) at its 10th meeting. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General on the nomination of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development ([E/CN.5/2025/8](#)).

A. Proposed programme plan for 2026

28. At the 10th meeting, the Director of the Division for Inclusive Social Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs introduced the proposed programme plan for 2026 as contained in a conference room paper.

B. United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

29. At the 10th meeting, the Director of the Bonn, Germany, office of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development reported on the work of the Institute.

Action taken by the Commission

Nomination of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

30. At its 10th meeting, with reference to [E/CN.5/2025/8](#), the Commission decided to nominate three candidates to serve on the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (see chap. I.C).

Chapter V

Provisional agenda for the sixty-fourth session of the Commission

31. The Commission considered agenda item 5 at its 10th meeting. It had before it the provisional agenda of and documentation for the sixty-fourth session of the Commission ([E/CN.5/2025/L.1](#)).

32. At the same meeting, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda of and documentation for its sixty-fourth session (see chap. I.B).

Chapter VI

Adoption of the report of the Commission on its sixty-third session

33. At the 10th meeting, the Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur of the Commission introduced the draft report of the Commission on its sixty-third session ([E/CN.5/2025/L.2](#)) (see chap. I.B).

34. At the same meeting, the Commission adopted the draft report and entrusted the Rapporteur with its finalization.

Chapter VII

Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

35. The Commission for Social Development held its sixty-third session at Headquarters on 14 February 2024 and from 10 to 14 February 2025. The Commission held 10 meetings.

36. At the 2nd meeting, the Chair (Poland) made an opening statement.

37. At the same meeting, the President of the Economic and Social Council, the President of the General Assembly, the Under-Secretary-General for Policy and the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs addressed the Commission.

38. Representatives of civil society and youth also made statements.

B. Attendance

39. Representatives of 39 States members of the Commission attended the session. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-member States, and representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and of intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. The list of participants is contained in document [E/CN.5/2025/INF/1](#).

C. Election of officers

40. The officers listed below were elected at the 1st and 2nd meetings of the sixty-third session to serve on the Bureau of the sixty-third session.

41. At the 2nd meeting, the Commission also designated the Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur.

42. The Bureau was thus composed as follows:

Chair:

Krzysztof Maria Szczerski (Poland)

Vice-Chairs:

AlMaha Mubarak Al-Thani (Qatar)

Oliver Gruenbacher (Austria)⁴

Joselyne Kwishaka (Burundi)

Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur:

Paola Andrea Morris Garrido (Guatemala)

D. Agenda and organization of work

43. At its 2nd meeting, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda contained in document [E/CN.5/2025/1](#) and approved the proposed modalities and the organization of work contained in the same document.

⁴ Elected to complete the term of office of Julia Eberl, whose tour of duty ended in July 2024.

E. Documentation

44. The documents before the Commission at its sixty-third session are available at <https://social.desa.un.org/csocd/63rd-session>.

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