

**1993/61. Strengthening the role of the regional commissions**

*The Economic and Social Council,*

*Recalling* its resolution 1992/43 of 31 July 1992 and General Assembly resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977, 45/264 of 13 May 1991, 46/145 of 17 December 1991 and 46/235 of 13 April 1992,

*Noting with interest* the recommendations made by the regional commissions, in response to General Assembly resolution 46/235, to strengthen their effectiveness, as contained in the report of the Secretary-General on restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields,<sup>161</sup>

*Welcoming* the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation,<sup>162</sup> including the account of steps being taken to decentralize functions and responsibilities to the regional commissions in order to strengthen the regional presence of the Organization and to enhance its effectiveness,

1. *Reaffirms* its support for decentralization in order to achieve a more effective distribution of responsibilities and tasks between global, regional and national entities in the economic, social and related fields;

2. *Takes note* of the measures taken by the Secretary-General to strengthen the work of the Organization at the regional level, and urges him to continue his efforts in that direction, as appropriate;

3. *Recommends* to the General Assembly that, in connection with the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, it consider the recommendations made by the regional commissions.

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30 July 1993*