

ECOSOC Resolution 2001/21

Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits

The Economic and Social Council,

Welcoming the resolve, expressed by heads of State and Government in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,¹ to strengthen further the Economic and Social Council, building on its recent achievements, to help it fulfil the role ascribed to it in the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling that the goals and targets in the economic, social and related fields contained in the Millennium Declaration² and the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, supplemented by the outcomes of their reviews, constitute a comprehensive basis for actions at the national, regional and international levels,

Reaffirming its commitment to promote a coordinated and integrated follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits and the reviews of their implementation,

Recalling its agreed conclusions 1995/1³ and 2000/2⁴ and its relevant resolutions on the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of agreed conclusions 2000/2 of the coordination segment of the Council on the integrated and coordinated conference follow-up, in particular the views expressed by functional commissions,⁵

Recognizing the need to continue to enhance its contribution to the coordination and implementation of the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits by bringing together relevant cross-cutting issues in a comprehensive and holistic assessment of progress achieved,

1. *Recalls* that the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the relevant functional commissions or, as appropriate, other relevant bodies of the United Nations system, will continue to play, within their respective mandates, the primary role with regard to follow-up and in coordinating and implementing the outcomes of the United Nations conferences and summits;

¹ General Assembly resolution 55/2.

² See *ibid.*, para. 19.

³ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/50/3/Rev.1), chap. III, para. 22.

⁴ *Ibid.*, *Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/55/3/Rev.1), chap. V, para. 8.

⁵ E/2001/73.

2. *Reiterates* its commitment to assist the General Assembly in its overall responsibilities in follow-up to the United Nations Millennium Declaration,⁶ in compliance with General Assembly resolution 55/162 of 14 December 2000 and the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits and the reviews of their implementation, as well as in achieving the international development targets;

3. *Underlines* the specific responsibilities of the relevant functional commissions and, as appropriate, other relevant bodies of the United Nations system, in reviewing and assessing progress achieved, lessons learned and problems encountered in the implementation of the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits;

4. *Recommends* that the General Assembly examine how best to address the reviews of the implementation of the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits of the 1990s, including their format and periodicity;

5. *Decides* to strengthen the links with relevant functional commissions and other relevant bodies of the United Nations system, including regional commissions, in follow-up to conferences and summits, by reviewing progress in the implementation of cross-cutting issues, and to strengthen links with the General Assembly by bringing to its attention overall policy issues that might emerge from such follow-up and might require the Assembly's consideration;

6. *Encourages* the participation of all relevant stakeholders, including the private sector, in maintaining and strengthening momentum for building partnerships in pursuit of the goals of the Millennium Summit and of other conferences;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Council at its substantive session of 2002 on the 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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⁶ General Assembly resolution 55/2.