

ECOSOC Resolution 2002/40

Public administration and development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 2001/45 of 20 December 2001,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its first session;¹

2. *Also takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the role of public administration in the implementation of the United Nations Millennium Declaration,² and transmits it to the General Assembly for its review, pursuant to Assembly resolution 56/213 of 21 December 2001;

3. *Reiterates* that efficient, accountable, effective and transparent public administration, at both the national and international levels, has a key role to play in the implementation of the internationally agreed goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,³ and in that context stresses the need to strengthen national public sector administrative and managerial capacity-building, in particular in developing countries and countries with economies in transition;

4. *Welcomes* the recommendations of the Committee concerning the directions of the United Nations Programme on Public Administration and Finance, in particular the recommendations that future work of the United Nations on public administration should devote priority assistance to the special needs of Africa and that it be supportive of the initiatives undertaken in the context of the New Partnership for Africa's Development;⁴

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to endeavour to hold a session of the Committee in 2003 within existing resources;

6. *Decides* to review at its substantive session in July 2003 the request of the Committee that it meet annually.

*45th plenary meeting
19 December 2002*

¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2002, Supplement No. 24 (E/2002/84).*

² A/57/262-E/2002/82.

³ See General Assembly resolution 55/2.

⁴ A/57/304, annex.