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2003/210**Theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of the substantive session of 2003 of the Economic and Social Council**

At its 5th plenary meeting, on 5 March 2003, the Economic and Social Council decided:

(a) That the theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of its substantive session of 2003 would be: “Strengthening of the coordination of United Nations humanitarian assistance, with particular attention to: (a) humanitarian financing and effectiveness of humanitarian assistance; and (b) the transition from relief to development”;

(b) That it would also convene a panel, within the framework of the above-mentioned theme, on the sub-theme “Responding to the effects of HIV/AIDS and other widespread diseases on humanitarian relief operations”.

2003/211**Programme of work for the operational activities segment of the substantive session of 2003 of the Economic and Social Council**

At its 5th plenary meeting, on 5 March 2003, the Economic and Social Council, having considered the proposed programme of work for the operational activities segment for the substantive session of 2003, decided to take note of the following programme of work:

3 July 2003**Morning**

High-level panel on resources for operational activities for development, reviewing the progress made on the issue of funding on development cooperation activities of the United Nations

Afternoon

Dialogue with heads of funds and programmes

4 July 2003**Morning**

Panel on an impartial and independent assessment of the extent to which the United Nations funds, programmes and agencies at the field level learn lessons from their evaluations and to formulate proposals on how to improve the feedback mechanisms at the field level

Afternoon

Discussion with United Nations country teams based on their experience in promoting an integrated approach to rural development for poverty eradication and sustainable development

7 July 2003

Morning and afternoon

Review of progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 56/201 on the triennial policy review of the operational activities for development of the United Nations system

2003/212

Participation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Economic and Social Council

At its 5th plenary meeting, on 5 March 2003, the Economic and Social Council decided to grant observer status with the Council to the Intergovernmental Institution for the Use of Micro-alga Spirulina against Malnutrition.

2003/213

Application of intergovernmental organizations for observer status with the Economic and Social Council

At its 5th plenary meeting, on 5 March 2003, the Economic and Social Council decided to include in the agenda of its substantive session of 2003 the application for observer status with the Council of the Common Fund for Commodities.¹

2003/214

Change of date and venue of the eleventh session of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

At its 5th plenary meeting, on 5 March 2003, the Economic and Social Council decided to endorse the decision of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters to change the dates and venue of its eleventh session from 7 to 11 April in New York to 10 to 14 November 2003 in Geneva.

2003/215

Appointment of the members of the Committee on Negotiations with Intergovernmental Agencies

At its 6th plenary meeting, on 25 March 2003, the Economic and Social Council:

(a) Took note of the letter dated 28 February 2003 from the President of the Council to the Secretary-General,² informing the Council of the appointment by the President of the members of the Committee on Negotiations with Intergovernmental Agencies;

(b) Noted that the President had informed the Council that the following additional countries had joined as members of the Committee: Chile, Ethiopia, Malaysia, Nigeria, Senegal and South Africa;

(c) Noted that, in addition, the Gambia, Indonesia, Mexico and Morocco had also joined in participating in the Committee as observers.

¹ See E/2003/10.

² E/2003/12.