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WORLD SUMMIT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman of the Committee of
the Whole on the World Summit for Social Development

World Summit for Social Development

The Commission for Social Development,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 47/52 of 16 December 1992 on
convening of a World Summit for Social Development,

Having given consideration to the agenda of the World Summit for Social
Development and to the question of holding an extraordinary session dedicated
solely to the question of the Summit before the first substantive session of
the Preparatory Committee in 1994, as called for by the General Assembly in
operative paragraph 12 of resolution 47/92:

Transmits the Annex to the present resolution to the Economic and Social
Council at its high-level segment of its substantive session of 1993 and the
Preparatory Committee established by the General Assembly in operative
paragraph 7 of resolution 47/92.

Six sessions
of discussion in
the committee of
the whole.

* The agenda for the session is contained in document E/CN.5/1993/1.



Annex

A. CONSIDERATION TO THE AGENDA OF THE
WORLD SUMMIT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The Commission for Social Development has given due consideration to the agenda of the World Summit for Social Development at its 33rd session, as called for in operative paragraph 12 of General Assembly resolution 47/92, and has arrived at the following conclusions:

I. A detailed definition of the agenda of the World Summit for Social Development, on the basis of the core issues contained in operative paragraph 6 of resolution 47/92, will be the task of the Preparatory Committee. As requested, the Commission for Social Development has given a substantive consideration to the aforementioned core issues.

The Commission for Social Development is of the view that the agenda for the World Summit for Social Development should strictly adhere to the agreed core issues, as related to the objectives contained in operative paragraph 5 of the aforementioned resolution.

III. The Commission for Social Development is of the view that the agenda for, and the outcome of, the World Summit for Social Development should lead to concrete, action-oriented plans and programmes which can be monitored on a continuing basis. In this connection, the Commission recalls the existing instruments which have been agreed upon by intergovernmental bodies, in particular those promoting the well-being of specific social groups. Results of the World Summit for Social Development should include the enhancement of the effectiveness of the United Nations system in the sphere of social development and the effective implementation of existing instruments, as appropriate to national circumstances, through, *inter alia*, standard setting and heightened efforts to give coherence to disparate social strategies and to develop from them concrete projects and programmes. In doing so, new approaches should be considered to ensure appropriate impact and lasting solutions.

IV. The Commission for Social Development is of the view that the Summit should foster a greater understanding of the following:

- (a) Social and economic development can not take place independently of each other and must be integrated;
- (b) Social factors must be adequately understood and considered in order to formulate effective economic policies;
- (c) Social policies need to be formulated so that they are economically sustainable;
- (d) Social development represents an approach which aims to enhance people's capacity to lead secure lives and provides them with the conditions necessary for their full participation in society;

- (g) Ensuring that public administration is transparent and accountable, and that institutions which deliver services operate efficiently, effectively and responsively to needs;

2. Social development strategies for the alleviation and reduction of poverty

- (h) Formulating nationally-appropriate, effective and efficient social policies and programmes for the alleviation and reduction of poverty and of extreme poverty, reduction of vulnerability and thus enhanced individual choice and security. These policies and programmes should address the root causes of poverty;
- (i) Developing methods for monitoring and evaluating the impact of social policies and programmes which are poverty-focused, the assessment of the efficacy of the projects included and systems for the exchange of views and mutual learning, in particular, such methods and systems should aim to alleviate the effects of and to eliminate the impoverishment of women;
- (j) Encouraging complementary action between public and private providers of social services, in order to encourage wider choice and more efficient use of resources;

3. Social development strategies for the generation of productive employment

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- (k) Formulating nationally appropriate, effective and efficient economic and labour market policies which maximize the expansion of productive employment particularly through the growth of small and medium-sized enterprises;
- (l) Enhancing human development through the provision of improved and appropriate education systems, including basic literacy, skills training and health care;
- (m) Improving opportunities for workers in all spheres, especially in rural and informal sectors, to increase their productivity through improved access to markets, credit, technology, training and social services;
- (n) Defining nationally appropriate policies to ensure workers' rights of organization and free collective bargaining as well as protecting wages and working hours, rights to social security, non-discriminatory employment practices and labour legislation;
- (o) Elaborating ways and means to enhance the access of women, young and elderly people, persons with disabilities and other disadvantaged groups to productive employment and to ensure that their contributions are recognized.

VI. With reference to operative paragraphs 15, 16 and 17 of resolution 47/92, the Commission for Social Development welcomed a wide variety of input to summit preparations. Some representatives expressed the desirability of

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seeking input from experts and practitioners in the field of social development, and indicated the willingness of their Governments to host expert group meetings on the three core issues as elaborated in paragraphs IV and V. The Preparatory Committee would decide to what extent expert group meetings, and the reports they may produce, would be useful to the preparatory process for the Summit.

The Commission for Social Development suggests that the Preparatory Committee give full consideration to this question, including reporting procedures, at its first (organizational) session in April 1993.

B. CONSIDERATION OF THE QUESTION OF AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF
THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN 1994

The Commission for Social Development has given due consideration to the question of holding an extraordinary session dedicated solely to the question of the Summit before the first substantive session of the Preparatory Committee in 1994, as called for in operative paragraph 12 of resolution 47/92.

- I. The Commission for Social Development is conscious of the fact that, in accordance with operative paragraphs 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of resolution 47/92, the preparation of the World Summit for Social Development has been entrusted to a special Preparatory Committee, to be assisted by an ad hoc secretariat, *inter alia*, to enable all countries to participate in the preparatory process. In order to ensure the efficacy and efficiency of the preparatory process and to avoid duplication, the Commission is of the view that it would not be appropriate to convene an extraordinary session.
- II. In consideration of General Assembly resolution 47/92 and in view of the specific competence of the Commission for Social Development, the Economic and Social Council and the Preparatory Committee should consider what further role the Commission for Social Development can play in the preparations for and follow up to the World Summit for Social Development.
- III. In view of the normal agenda for the Commission for Social Development, the Economic and Social Council might need to consider modifying the date of the next regular session of the Commission for Social Development.

