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56/218. Final review and appraisal of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s

The General Assembly,

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General on the final review and appraisal of the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s,¹

Reaffirming its resolutions 46/151 of 18 December 1991, the annex to which contains the New Agenda, and 51/32 of 6 December 1996, which states that the final review and appraisal of the New Agenda will be conducted in 2002,

Reaffirming also its resolutions 48/214 of 23 December 1993, 49/142 of 23 December 1994, 53/90 of 7 December 1998 and 55/216 of 21 December 2000 on the implementation of the New Agenda,

Reaffirming further its resolutions 54/234 of 22 December 1999 and 55/217 of 21 December 2000 on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa, and recalling its requests in resolutions 54/234 and 55/216 to conduct the final review and appraisal of the New Agenda and related initiatives on the basis of a report by the Secretary-General on an independent high-level quality evaluation,

Mindful of the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council on the role of the United Nations in support of the efforts of African countries to achieve sustainable development, adopted on 18 July 2001,² with particular reference to paragraph 26, and the agreed conclusions 1999/2 adopted by the Economic and Social Council, at its substantive session of 1999, on coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the theme "Development of Africa:

¹ A/56/270.

² A/56/3, chap. III, para. 29. For the final text see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 3*.

implementation and coordinated follow-up by the United Nations system of initiatives on African development”,³

Mindful also of the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa,⁴ in particular paragraph 60,

1. *Decides* to establish an ad hoc committee of the whole of the General Assembly as the most appropriate mechanism to conduct the final review and appraisal of the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s and related initiatives;

2. *Decides also* to convene an organizational session of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole in June 2002 for one working day to consider and adopt the necessary arrangements for its work regarding, inter alia, the final review and appraisal of the implementation of the New Agenda and related initiatives on Africa, and decides that the Ad Hoc Committee should establish its bureau at the highest appropriate level, to be composed of a chairman, the President of the General Assembly, assisted by three vice-chairmen and a rapporteur, appointed by the President in consultation with Member States;

3. *Decides further* that the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole should meet in substantive session for a period of five working days, from 9 to 13 September 2002, and for three working days from 7 to 9 October 2002, during the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly, to conduct the final review and appraisal of the implementation of the New Agenda and related initiatives on the basis of the report of the Secretary-General on the independent high-level quality evaluation, as mandated in Assembly resolutions 54/234 and 55/216 and in agreed conclusions 1999/2 of the Economic and Social Council,³ and on other documents that the Ad Hoc Committee will have decided to make use of at its organizational session in June 2002, as well as on proposals by the Secretary-General on the modalities of the United Nations future engagement with the New Partnership for Africa’s Development;

4. *Decides* that a high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly should be held on 16 September 2002 to consider how to support the New Partnership for Africa’s Development, in line with paragraph 5 of the ministerial declaration of the 2001 high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council,² which called on the United Nations system and the international community to support the New African Initiative, now called the New Partnership for Africa’s Development, adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, at its thirty-seventh ordinary session, held at Lusaka from 9 to 11 July 2001,⁵ and that preparations for the plenary meeting should be made during the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly;

5. *Urges* Member States and organs and bodies of the United Nations system to ensure that they are represented at the highest appropriate level on, and to participate actively in the work of, the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole and in the plenary meeting;

³ *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/54/3/Rev.1)*, chap. V, para. 6.

⁴ A/52/871-S/1998/318.

⁵ See A/56/457, annex I, AHG/Decl. 1 (XXXVII).

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with the organs and organizations of the United Nations system concerned, to ensure the necessary preparations for the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session a report on the work of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole, including on the plenary meeting, and on the implementation of the present resolution.

*91st plenary meeting
21 December 2001*