

Legislation on Special High Level Meeting of ECOSOC

General Assembly legislation

1996

Resolution **50/227** (Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields). Annex I (Para. 88) states:

“In order to improve communication and cooperation at the intergovernmental level between the Council and the international financial and trade institutions, the Council should schedule periodically a high-level special meeting at a time proximate to the semi-annual meetings of the institutions.”

Resolution **57/250** (High-Level Dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership) states:

Stressing also the importance of connecting, in ascending order, the spring high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization, which will address the issue of coherence, coordination and cooperation, and the reconstituted High-Level Dialogue in the General Assembly, which will serve as the focal point for the follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development and will include a policy dialogue on the implementation of the results of the Conference, including the theme of coherence and consistency of the international monetary, financial and trading systems in support of development”.

2004

1996

Resolution **1996/46** (Strengthening collaboration between the United Nations development system and the Bretton Woods institutions) states:

“Recommends the scheduling of a high-level special meeting at a time proximate to the semi-annual meetings of the Bretton Woods institutions with a view to benefiting, to the extent possible, from ministerial participation and from the participation of heads of financial and trade institutions and other relevant organizations, as called for by the General Assembly in paragraph 88 of annex I to its resolution 50/227”.

1999

Decision **1999/204** (Dates of sessions of subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council and of other meetings of the Council in 1999) states:

“The high-level meeting of the Council with representatives of the Bretton Woods institutions should be held at headquarters on 29 April”.

Resolution **1999/51** (Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields and cooperation between the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions) states:

“Welcomes the high-level special meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, and decides to maintain such meetings while focusing the agenda, in consultation with the Bretton Woods institutions, on one or two major substantive issues in order to provide sufficient time to share views and explore the relationship with the high-level segment of the Council;”

2000

Decision **2000/206** (Date of the high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with representatives of the Bretton Woods institutions) states:

“At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 4 February 2000, the Economic and Social Council decided that the high-level meeting of the Council with representatives of the Bretton Woods institutions would be held at Headquarters on 18 April 2000 from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.”

2001

Decision **2001/207**(Date of the high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with representatives of the Bretton Woods institutions) states:

“At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 31 January 2001, the Economic and Social Council decided that the high-level meeting of the Council with representatives of the Bretton Woods institutions would be held at Headquarters on 1 May 2001.”

2002

Decision **2002/205** (Date of the high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with representatives of the Bretton Woods institutions) states:

“At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 13 February 2002, the Economic and Social Council decided that its high-level meeting with representatives of the Bretton Woods institutions would be held at Headquarters on 22 or 23 April 2002.”

Resolution **2002/34** (International Conference on Financing for Development) states:

“*Taking note* of the summary prepared by the President of the Council of its annual spring meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization, which was held on 22 April 2002,”

“*Affirms* its commitment, in its role of interacting with other institutional stakeholder, to make full use of the dialogue that takes place during its annual spring meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization to address, in addition to general matters of common interest, the issues of coherence, coordination and cooperation related to the follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development, and in that regard:

- (a) *Underlines* the need for a well-prepared and focused agenda for a meeting geared to advancing implementation, as well as examining further steps to be taken by each of the stakeholders to move the Monterrey process forward;
- (b) *Recommends* that the agenda reflect the holistic approach to the interconnected national, regional, international and systemic challenges of financing for development;”

2003

Decision **2003/206** (Date of the high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with representatives of the Bretton Wood institutions and the World Trade Organization) states:

“At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 28 January 2003, the Economic and Social Council decided that its high-level meeting with representatives of the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organizations would be held at Headquarters on 14 April 2003.”

Decision **2003/209** (General parameters and theme for the spring 2003 meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization) states:

“At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 30 January 2003, the Economic and Social Council took note of a memorandum dated 24 January 2003 from the Bureau of the Council to the members of the Council, concerning the general parameters of the spring 2003 meeting of the Council with the Bretton Wood institutions and the World Trade Organization, as well as the theme of the meeting, “Increased coherence, coordination and cooperation for the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development at all levels one year after the Conference”.

Resolution **2003/47** (International Conference on Financing for Development) states:

“Takes note with appreciation

“...make full use of the dialogue that takes place during its annual spring meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization to address, in addition to general matters of common interest, the issues of coherence, coordination and cooperation related to the follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development, and in that regard:

- (c) *Underlines* the need for a well-prepared and focused agenda for a meeting geared to advancing implementation, as well as examining further steps to be taken by each of the stakeholders to move the Monterrey process forward.

ECOSOC Decision **2003/209** (General parameters and theme for the spring 2003 meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization) stated²:

“At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 30 January 2003, the Economic and Social Council took note of a memorandum dated 24 January 2003 from the Bureau of the Council to the members of the Council, concerning the general parameters of the spring 2003 meeting of the Council with the Bretton Wood institutions and the World Trade Organization, as well as the theme of the meeting, “Increased

Annex 1

Themes of Special High Level Meeting of ECOSOC

1998

- Global financial integration and development and recent issues

1999

- The functioning of international financial markets and stability in financing for development

2000

- Strengthening international financial arrangements and addressing poverty

2001

- Development financing, in particular poverty eradication, ODA and debt
- Movement towards a development-friendly international financial system: public and private responsibility in the prevention of financial crises

Two round tables were convened addressing the two overall themes

2002

- Dialogue on the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development and of the meetings of the Development Committee and the IMFC

Two round tables were convened addressing the overall theme

2003

- Increased coherence, coordination and cooperation for the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus at all levels, one year after the Conference

Four round tables were convened addressing a different theme of the Monterrey Consensus:

- Systemic issues
- Financial cooperation and debt,
- Policy coherence in the area of trade and investment
- Domestic economic and social policies

2004

- Coherence, coordination and cooperation in the context of the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus

2005

- Coherence, coordination and cooperation in the context of the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus: Achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration

Six round tables were convened addressing a different theme of the Monterrey Consensus:

- Policies and strategies
- Trade, investment, and private flows
- ODA, innovative sources of financing and debt