





general consensus on the issues to be addressed in a code of conduct. We also might want to discuss procedures that might be followed by ECOSOC in considering a code of conduct, so that countries will feel that they have had an opportunity to express their views on this initiative, whether they support or oppose it.

I do not think that the time has yet arrived for the Expert Committee to draft a code of conduct. My understanding from the discussion in Geneva in December of 2005 is that the first steps are to discuss a possible code of conduct, to pull together materials of interest on the topic, to give some information on the likely content of a code of conduct, and to research the procedures that would need to be followed for the Expert Committee to recommend a code of conduct for consideration by ECOSOC.

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