Commission for Social Development
Sixtieth session
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Draft report

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Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission for Social Development held its sixtieth session at Headquarters on 17 February 2021 and from 7 to 16 February 2022. The Commission held three meetings (1st to 3rd).

2. The Commission, pursuant to the organization of work adopted at its 2nd meeting, held on 7 February 2022, and taking into account the prevailing conditions relating to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) on the working arrangements for its sixtieth session and the available technological and procedural solutions in the interim period, convened [ ] virtual informal meetings to hold a general discussion and interactive dialogues under agenda item 3. The proceedings of the virtual informal meetings are reflected in annex [ ] to the present report.

B. Attendance

3. The session was attended by representatives of [ ] States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations, non-member States and intergovernmental organizations and representatives of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations also attended. A list of participants is contained in document E/CN.5/2022/INF/1.

C. Election of officers

4. In its decision 2002/210, the Economic and Social Council decided that, immediately following the closure of a regular session, the Commission would hold the first meeting of its subsequent regular session for the sole purpose of electing the new Chair and other members of the Bureau.
5. At its 1st meeting, on 17 February 2021, the Commission elected by acclamation María del Carmen Squeff (Argentina) as Chair and Stefano Guerra (Portugal) as Vice-Chair of the Commission for its sixtieth session. At the same meeting, the Commission postponed the election of the members of the Bureau from African States, Asia-Pacific States and Eastern European States to a later date, on the understanding that, upon nomination by their respective groups, candidates would be allowed to participate in the meetings of the Bureau held in preparation for the sixtieth session.

6. At its 2nd meeting, on 7 February 2022, the Commission elected, by acclamation, Hellen M. Chifwaila (Zambia), Jiakun Guo (China) and Iwona Lula (Poland) as Vice-Chairs.

7. At the same meeting, the Commission designated Ms. Chifwaila as Rapporteur.

8. The Bureau was thus composed as follows:

   **Chair:**
   María del Carmen Squeff (Argentina)

   **Vice-Chairs:**
   Stefano Guerra (Portugal)
   Hellen M. Chifwaila (Zambia) (Rapporteur)
   Jiakun Guo (China)
   Iwona Lula (Poland)

**D. Agenda and organization of work**

9. At its 2nd meeting, on 7 February 2022, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda contained in document E/CN.5/2022/1. The agenda read as follows:

   1. Election of officers.

   2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

   3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly:
      
      (a) Priority theme: Inclusive and resilient recovery from COVID-19 for sustainable livelihoods, well-being and dignity for all: eradicating poverty and hunger in all its forms and dimensions to achieve the 2030 Agenda;

      (b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups:

         (i) Outcome document of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the realization of the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals for persons with disabilities: the way forward, a disability-inclusive development agenda towards 2015 and beyond;

         (ii) World Programme of Action for Youth;

         (iii) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002;

         (iv) Family issues, policies and programmes;

      (c) Emerging issues: National policies and measures implemented by Member States to combat hunger and poverty in times of the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. Challenges to get on track towards the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda.
4. Programme questions and other matters:
   Proposed programme plan for 2023.

5. Provisional agenda of the sixty-first session of the Commission.

6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its sixtieth session.

10. At the same meeting, the Commission approved its organization of work, as contained in document E/CN.5/2022/1.

E. Documentation

11. The list of documents before the Commission at its sixtieth session is contained in annex [ ] to the present report.