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Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission for Social Development held its sixty-first session at Headquarters on 16 February 2022 and from 6 to 15 February 2023. The Commission held [] meetings (1st to []).

B. Attendance

2. 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.5/2023/INF/1](#).

C. Election of officers

3. 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.

4. At its 1st meeting, on 16 February 2022, the Commission elected by acclamation Alya Ahmed Saif Al-Thani (Qatar) as Chair and Or Shaked (Israel) and Daniel Zavala Porras (Costa Rica) as Vice-Chairs of the Commission for its sixty-first session. At the same meeting, the Commission postponed the election of the members of the Bureau from African 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 sixty-first session.



5. At its 2nd meeting, on 6 February 2023, the Commission elected, by acclamation, Hellen M. Chifwaila (Zambia) and Jon Ivanovski (North Macedonia) as Vice-Chairs.

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

7. The Bureau was thus composed as follows:

Chair:

Alya Ahmed Saif Al-Thani (Qatar)

Vice-Chairs:

Daniel Zavala Porras (Costa Rica)

Or Shaked (Israel)

Jon Ivanovski (North Macedonia)

Hellen M. Chifwaila (Zambia) (Rapporteur)

D. Agenda and organization of work

8. At its 2nd meeting, on 6 February 2023, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda contained in document [E/CN.5/2023/1](#). 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: creating full and productive employment and decent work for all as a way of overcoming inequalities to accelerate the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
 - (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: addressing the social impacts of multifaceted crises to accelerate recovery from the lingering effects of the pandemic through the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
4. Programme questions and other matters:
 - (a) Proposed programme plan for 2024;
 - (b) United Nations Research Institute for Social Development.
5. Provisional agenda of the sixty-second session of the Commission.
6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its sixty-first session.

9. At the same meeting, the Commission approved its organization of work, as contained in document [E/CN.5/2023/1](#).

E. Documentation

10. The list of documents before the Commission at its sixty-first session is contained in annex [] to the present report.
