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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Note by the Secretary-General

Duration and venue of the session

1. The fifty-third session of the Commission on Human Rights will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 10 March to 18 April 1997. The first meeting will be convened at 11 a.m. on Monday, 10 March 1997.

Provisional agenda

2. The provisional agenda, prepared in accordance with rule 5 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, is reproduced below.

Inter-sessional and pre-sessional working groups

3. The fifty-third session of the Commission is preceded by meetings of eight working groups in connection with the following items:

(a) Item 5: An open-ended working group established to elaborate policy guidelines on structural adjustment programmes and economic, social and cultural rights (Commission decision 1996/103, Economic and Social Council decision 1996/289) is scheduled to meet from 3 to 7 March 1997;

(b) Item 6: An intergovernmental working group of experts established to elaborate a strategy for the implementation and promotion of the right to development (Commission resolution 1996/15, Economic and Social Council decision 1996/258) is scheduled to meet from 4 to 15 November 1996;