

involving relevant actors of civil society in the field of social development to contribute to the work of the Commission for Social Development. Since this item was considered in the General Assembly Plenary, it was not brought to the Third Committee for adoption but rather was expected to be adopted in the General Assembly Plenary before it adjourned on 22 December 1995.

The draft resolution addressed both the critical importance of national action and international cooperation for social development and the role of the UN system. With regard to national action and international cooperation, the resolution endorses the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action and reaffirms the pledge by the Heads of State and Government to give the highest priority to national, regional and international policies and actions for social development. The draft resolution also:

stresses the need for political will;

emphasizes the interdependence of economic development, social development and environmental protection;

recognizes that implementation of the Programme of Action is primarily the responsibility of Governments;

reiterates the call to governments to define time-bound goals and targets for poverty reduction and eradication, expanding employment and reducing unemployment, and enhancing social integration;

reiterates the call for comprehensive cross-sectoral strategies for implementing the Summit outcome;

reiterates the call for assessing national progress toward implementing the outcome of the Summit through periodic national reports;

reaffirms the need for an effective partnership between governments and civil society;

recognizes that the implementation of the Programme of Action and the Declaration will require mobilization of financial resources at the national and international levels

as well as substantial debt reduction;

reaffirms the importance of implementing the 20:20 concept between interested developed and developing countries; and

urges the Secretary-General, the World Bank and the IMF to study the impact of structural adjustment programmes on economic and social development.