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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Note by the Secretary-General

Duration and venue of the session

1. The fifty-fourth session of the Commission on Human Rights will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 16 March to 24 April 1998. The first meeting will be convened at 11 a.m. on Monday, 16 March 1998.

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-fourth session of the Commission is preceded by meetings of nine 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 1997/103, Economic and Social Council decision 1997/283) is scheduled to meet from 16 to 20 February 1998.

(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) met from 29 September to 10 October 1997;

(c) Item 8 (d): An open-ended working group established to elaborate a draft optional protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Commission resolution 1997/24, Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/49) met from 13 to 24 October 1997.

(d) Item 10 (b): The Working Group on Situations, composed of five members of the Commission, is scheduled to meet from 9 to 13 March 1998 to examine situations referred to the Commission by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities pursuant to Economic