

the outcome of the Summit and reiterated the need for all relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the UN system to be involved in the follow-up to the Summit. The Council also reiterated that the implementation of the Declaration and the Programme of Action would require the mobilization of financial resources at the national and international levels.

ECOSOC also considered the theme of coordinated follow-up by the UN system and the implementation of the results of the major international conferences organized by the UN in the economic, social and related fields. In its agreed conclusions, ECOSOC decided to carry out within the framework of its yearly coordination segment a review of cross-cutting themes common to all the major international conferences and to contribute to an overall review of the implementation of the programmes of action from each conference.

With regard to the Commission for Social Development, ECOSOC decided that the Commission should periodically review issues related to the follow-up and implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action. The Commission should also adapt its mandate so as to ensure an integrated approach to social development, develop a multi-year programme of work to the year 2000, establish the practice of opening up its debates to experts and the main actors of civil society, and review and update its methods of work. ECOSOC also recommended that the Commission should hold a special session in 1996 to review its mandate, elaborate its multi-year programme of work and review the frequency of meetings.

UN SYSTEM FOLLOW-UP

Since Copenhagen, a number of UN programmes, agencies and commissions have begun to implement the Declaration and Programme of Action. The following list of initiatives is indicative of these efforts.

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has established a Summit follow-up strategy group, which is working with UNDP country offices and country-level partners to assist them in elaborating specific strategies and programmes for implementing the Programme of Action.

UNDP is also working closely with governments and UN system partners on several post-Copenhagen initiatives, including a proposed international meeting on the 20:20 formula for funding social programmes; the possible establishment of a consultative group on the poorest; poverty monitoring; and the Secretary-General's Special Initiative for Africa.