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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Note by the Secretary-General

Duration and venue of the session

1. The fifty-fifth session of the Commission on Human Rights will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 22 March to 30 April 1999. The first meeting will be convened at 11 a.m. on Monday, 22 March 1999.

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-fifth session of the Commission is preceded by meetings of eight working groups in connection with the following items:

(a) Item 9 (b): The Working Group on Situations, composed of five members of the Commission, is scheduled to meet from 22 to 26 February 1999 to examine situations referred to the Commission by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII) of 27 May 1970 (Commission resolution 1990/55, Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/41);

(b) Item 10: An open-ended working group established to elaborate policy guidelines on structural adjustment programmes and economic, social and cultural rights (Commission decision 1998/102, Economic and Social Council decision 1998/276) is scheduled to meet from 1 to 5 March 1999;

(c) Item 11 (a): 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 1998/34, Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/35) met from 28 September to 9 October 1998;

(d) Item 13: An open-ended working group for the elaboration of a draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on involvement of children in armed conflicts (Commission

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