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1996/47. Report of the Joint and Co-sponsored United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1994/24 of 26 July 1994, by which it endorsed the establishment of the Joint and Co-sponsored United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome,

Taking note of the report of the Executive Director of the Programme, 1/

Noting with satisfaction the progress achieved since 1 January 1996 in the implementation of the activities of the Programme,

Noting with concern that human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) has devastating social, economic and other related impacts on the population of the affected countries,

Noting also with concern the need for adequate resources to be made available by the six co-sponsoring organizations and the international community in the fight against HIV/AIDS,

Noting the need for more focused and in-depth consideration by the Council of the issue of HIV/AIDS and its impact,

1. Invites the Secretary-General to play an active advocacy role in regard to the serious threat posed by the spread of human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) in order to raise global awareness and thus help to prevent the further spread of HIV/AIDS;

2. Urges the United Nations Secretariat to be fully and effectively involved in the fight against HIV/AIDS;

3. Decides to review the operations and activities of the Joint and Co-sponsored United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome by including in its agenda in alternate years, beginning in 1997, the item entitled "Report on the work of the Joint and Co-sponsored United Nations Programme on the Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome";

4. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the Council, at its substantive session of 1997, a concise initial report of the Executive Director of the Programme, prepared in collaboration with all relevant specialized agencies, the United Nations Secretariat and other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, and to submit thereafter to the Council, on a biennial basis, a comprehensive report on the progress made in the fight against HIV/AIDS and its impact on the countries affected, including the implementation of the present resolution;

5. Recommends that HIV/AIDS and its social, economic and related impacts on the overall development process be considered a possible future theme for the high-level segment of the Council;

6. Appeals to the six co-sponsoring organizations, the international community and the countries affected to increase substantially their contribution to the Programme and to the resources needed for the fight against HIV/AIDS.

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