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Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairperson of the Commission, Mr. Miloslav Hetteš (Slovakia), on the basis of informal consultations

The Commission for Social Development recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

“Future implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

“The Economic and Social Council,

“Recalling that in the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002,¹ adopted by the Second World Assembly on Ageing, held in Madrid from 8 to 12 April 2002, the systematic review of its implementation by Member States was requested as being essential for its success in improving the quality of life of older persons,

“Recalling also that the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 2003/14 of 21 July 2003, invited Governments, the United Nations system and civil society to participate in a bottom-up approach to the review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action,

“Bearing in mind that in its resolution 42/1 of 13 February 2004, it decided to undertake the review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action every five years,

¹ Report of the Second World Assembly on Ageing, Madrid, 8-12 April 2002 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.IV.4), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

“*Recognizing* the need to incorporate a gender perspective in all measures concerning older persons,

“*Taking note* with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General entitled ‘Further Implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing’,² which was based on the results of the first review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action,

“1. *Calls upon* Member States to continue to participate effectively in the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002, through, inter alia, national strategies and policies, improving data collection and sharing ideas, information and good practices, bearing in mind the report of the Secretary-General containing the strategic framework for future implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action;³

“2. *Encourages* Member States to continue their efforts to mainstream ageing into their policy agendas, bearing in mind the crucial importance of family, intergenerational interdependence, solidarity and reciprocity for social development and the realization of all human rights for older persons, and to prevent age discrimination and to provide social integration;

“3. *Urges* Member States to consider including in their national strategies, inter alia, policy implementation approaches such as empowerment and participation, gender equality, awareness-raising and capacity development, and such essential policy implementation tools as evidence-based policymaking, mainstreaming, participatory approaches and indicators;

“4. *Calls upon* Member States to adopt appropriate measures, including, if necessary, legislative measures to promote and protect the rights of older persons and measures aimed at providing economic and social security and health care, while mainstreaming a gender perspective, full participation of older persons in the decision-making process affecting their lives, and ageing with dignity;

“5. *Also calls upon* Member States to take concrete measures to further protect and assist older persons in emergency situations, in accordance with the Madrid Plan of Action;

“6. *Encourages* Member States to promote the development of regional and sub regional networks of experts and practitioners from government, non-governmental organizations, academia and the private sector in order to increase the potential for policy action on ageing;

“7. *Invites* Member States to continue reviewing their national capacity for policy development concerning older persons and demographic ageing, with a view to implementing appropriate measures to enhance their national capacity in this area of policy development, as necessary;

“8. *Recommends* that Member States strengthen their networks of national focal points on ageing, work with the regional commissions to exchange best practices and undertake a range of awareness-raising activities,

² E/CN.5/2010/4.

³ E/CN.5/2009/5.

including enlisting the assistance of the Department of Public Information of the United Nations Secretariat to expand media coverage on ageing issues;

“9. *Invites* Member States and all other major national and international stakeholders to continue their cooperation with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, as the United Nations global focal point on ageing, in further implementing the Madrid Plan of Action;

“10. *Encourages* Member States to consider how best the international framework of norms and standards can ensure the full enjoyment of the rights of older persons, including, as appropriate, the possibility of instituting new policies, instruments or measures to further improve the situation of older persons;

“11. *Recognizes* the important role of various international and regional organizations that deal with training, capacity-building, policy design and monitoring at the national and regional levels, in promoting and facilitating the implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action;

“12. *Acknowledges* the essential contributions of the United Nations regional commissions to the implementation, review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action, including the organization of regional review and appraisal meetings and the preparation of their outcome documents, and calls upon the Secretary-General to strengthen the work of the United Nations regional commissions, including their focal points on ageing, to enable them to continue their regional implementation activities;

“13. *Encourages* the international community, including international and bilateral donors to enhance international cooperation, in keeping with internationally agreed goals, to support national efforts to eradicate poverty in order to ensure sustainable social and economic support for older persons, including by strengthening their national capacity in the area of policy development and implementation, with regard to older persons, while bearing in mind that countries have the primary responsibility for their own economic and social development;

“14. *Encourages* the international community and the relevant organizations of the United Nations system, within their respective mandates, to support national and regional efforts, to provide funding for research and data-collection initiatives on ageing in order that the challenges and opportunities presented by population ageing may be better understood and to provide policymakers with more accurate and specific information on ageing and gender, such as for policy planning, monitoring and evaluation;

“15. *Decides* that the procedure for the second review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action will follow the set procedure of the first review and appraisal exercise and shall include preparatory activities at national and regional levels, including those conducted by the regional commissions, to conclude in 2012;

“16. *Decides* to conduct the second global review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action in 2013 at the fifty-first session of the Commission for Social Development;

“17. *Endorses* the theme “Full implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing: social situation, wellbeing and dignity, development and the full realization of all human rights for older persons” for the second review and appraisal exercise, and encourages Member States to work on awareness-raising on this theme;

“18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present to the forty-ninth session of the Commission for Social Development a report on the implementation of this resolution.