

**Joint Bureaux Meeting between  
Economic and Social Council and the Committee of Experts on Public Administration**

**Tuesday, 7 April 2005**

The Bureau of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) invited the Bureau of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA) to a meeting on 7 April 2005 to discuss the work of CEPA, to strengthen the relationship between the Council and CEPA, and to explore ways on how the Council can best assist CEPA in its efforts to achieve its objectives. The discussion proceeded along the following agenda items:

**1. ECOSOC's reactions to the report of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Session of CEPA**

The CEPA Bureau members thanked the Council for adopting the ECOSOC Resolution on public administration (E/2005/L.8/Rev.1) which incorporates the findings and conclusions of the Third Session of the Committee of Experts.

**2. Ways and means to improve the contribution of CEPA to the work of ECOSOC**

There was a general consensus among the two Bureaux that governance and public administration continue to play vital roles among the private, public and civil society sectors. In recognition of this, the CEPA Bureau Members expressed their eagerness to find ways and means to mainstream the issues under consideration by ECOSOC, specifically through recommendations that will be more effective and useful to ECOSOC. The recent High Level Segment Roundtable on Building State Capacity to Meet the MDGs: Governance, Institutions and Human Resources Capacities held last 5 April 2005, showed the relevance of the agenda of CEPA to the work of ECOSOC particularly on issues relating to the implementation of the MDGs. In turn, the ECOSOC Bureau was also interested to know from the members of the CEPA Bureau on how the resolutions adopted by the ECOSOC can be utilized more effectively in the government processes.

The ECOSOC Bureau stressed the need for CEPA to develop more specific and concrete recommendations arising from best practices. The members of both Bureaux agreed on the need to develop 'know-how' in implementing these recommendations to ensure a more efficient delivery of services in Member States. These recommendations should evoke interest from the members of ECOSOC that would create a greater impact to the Member States. Recommendations on building state capacity especially in developing countries in the area of corruption was cited as an example. There is also the need to publicize the good work of the Committee.

The members of the ECOSOC Bureau emphasized that the recommendations should be more concrete and relevant to the needs of the Member States. Specifically, ECOSOC is interested to consider recommendations from CEPA that incorporates the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and which focuses on building capacities to achieve the MDGs on sectors such as in public health and education. It is essential, the Council emphasized, to identify

and highlight innovations and success stories that demonstrate the crucial role of public administration in achieving the MDGs.

Another means for CEPA to determine and receive feedback from ECOSOC regarding its work is through the participation of CEPA's Secretariat, the Division for Public Administration and Development Management in informal sessions and meetings during consideration of agenda items relating to public administration. The results of these informal sessions and meetings should then be shared with the CEPA.

In response to a question from the CEPA Bureau, it was explained that the resolution is currently the only existing mechanism for CEPA to get their recommendations across to ECOSOC. However, not all recommendations are necessarily addressed to ECOSOC. Some CEPA recommendations included in its Report to the Council may be addressed directly to Governments.

### **3. Conclusions**

The members of the CEPA Bureau welcomed and acknowledged the suggestions proposed by ECOSOC and agreed that these will enable the Committee to make more effective recommendations in its future sessions. The CEPA Bureau also thanked the members of the ECOSOC for the opportunity to share mutual concerns that will further enhance the contribution of CEPA to the work of ECOSOC.

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