
ARTICLE 65

TEXT OF ARTICLE 65

The Economic and Social Council may furnish information to the Security Council and shall assist the Security Council upon its request.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

1. During the period under review, Article 65 was explicitly referred to in a statement by the President of the Security Council at the Council's 3961st meeting, held on 29 December 1998.¹
2. The Article was also explicitly mentioned in two letters from the President of the Economic and Social Council addressed to the President of the Security Council, one dated 16 February 1999² and the other 31 July 1999.³
3. Furthermore, the Article was mentioned in a statement by the President of the Economic and Social Council at the resumed substantive session for 1999 at a meeting held on 28 October 1999.
4. A full account of events relating to those occasions is given in the summary of practice.

SUMMARY OF PRACTICE

5. The Security Council, in paragraph 8 of its resolution [1212 \(1998\)](#), invited the United Nations bodies and agencies, especially the Economic and Social Council, to contribute to the designing of a long-term programme of support for Haiti.
6. Subsequently, the President of the Economic and Social Council, in a letter dated 16 February 1999 addressed to the President of the Security Council,⁴ sought advice on whether the invitation in paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution [1212 \(1998\)](#) should be interpreted as a formal request in accordance with the second part of Article 65 of the Charter of the United Nations.
7. In a letter dated 7 April 1999⁵ the President of the Security Council responded to the President of the Economic and Social Council confirming that the Security Council, in paragraph 8 of its resolution [1212 \(1998\)](#), had invited the Economic and Social Council to contribute to designing a long-term programme of support for Haiti.
8. Consequently, the Economic and Social Council, by its resolution 1999/4, decided to create the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti with the mandate of submitting to the Economic and Social Council, at its substantive session of 1999, recommendations on how to ensure that international community assistance in the efforts to support the Government of Haiti to achieve sustainable development was adequate, coherent, well coordinated and effective.

¹ [S/PRST/1998/38](#).

² [E/1999/7-S/1999/170](#).

³ [E/1999/115-S/1999/865](#).

⁴ [E/1999/7-S/1999/170](#).

⁵ [E/1999/12-S/1999/403](#).

9. On the basis of the report presented by the Advisory Group,⁶ the Economic and Social Council, at its substantive session of 1999, adopted resolution 1999/11, in which it welcomed the report and confirmed the essence of all its recommendations, including recommendations for consideration by the General Assembly, as well as requests addressed to the Secretary-General and the different components of the United Nations system. In that resolution, the Economic and Social Council, *inter alia*, called on the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to develop on a priority basis a long-term strategy and programme of support for Haiti in such areas as education, peacebuilding, poverty eradication, social integration, productive employment, trade, durable recovery and sustainable development and recommended that the long-term development programme of support for Haiti address the issues of capacity-building of governmental institutions, especially in such areas as governance, the promotion of human rights, the administration of justice, the electoral system, law enforcement, police training and other areas of social and economic development.

10. In the same resolution, the Economic and Social Council also requested the General Assembly to review all aspects of the mandate and operations of the International Civilian Mission in Haiti and to consider renewing the mandate of the United Nations component of the Mission and devising a United Nations special training and technical assistance programme for the Haitian national police.

The President of the Security Council was informed by the President of the Economic and Social Council, in a letter dated 31 July 1999,⁷ of the whole process, including the recommendations made by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1999/4. In the same letter, the President of the Economic and Social Council stated that the contribution of the Council would serve to enhance cooperation between two of the main organs, as contemplated in Article 65 of the Charter of the United Nations.

⁶ E/1999/103.

⁷ E/1999/115-S/1999/865.