Resolution

2011/2
Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration
on its ninth session

The Economic and Social Council,


Taking note of the support being provided by the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance to Member States through institutional and human resources capacity development in the public sector, electronic/mobile government development, development management and citizen engagement,

Taking note also of the work of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration in providing advice to the Economic and Social Council aimed at the advancement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, within the context of its mandate,

Underscoring the importance of strengthening effective public administration institutions, human resources, management processes and tools and citizen involvement in policymaking with a view to addressing the challenges posed by global crises,

1. Takes note of the report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its ninth session, which dealt with the challenges to and opportunities for public administration in the context of the financial and economic crisis, a review of the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance

and the public administration perspective on implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to gender equality and empowerment of women;

2. Takes note with appreciation of the work of the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions in promoting greater transparency, accountability and efficient and effective receipt and use of public resources for the benefit of citizens and of the 1977 Lima Declaration of Guidelines on Auditing Precepts\(^2\) and the 2007 Mexico Declaration on Supreme Audit Institutions Independence,\(^3\) which set out the principles of independence in government auditing, and encourages the wide dissemination of these principles;

3. Recognizes the key role of public administration and public governance in implementing internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, and in addressing the challenges posed by global crises;

4. Also recognizes that information and communications technology provides a potent tool for advancing gender equality and women’s empowerment, as well as the importance of e-government for development;

5. Requests the Secretariat:

   (a) To give due recognition to innovative public sector initiatives by Member States through the promotion and strengthening of the United Nations Public Service Day and the Public Service Awards;

   (b) To support further development of the United Nations Public Administration Network for partnership-building, knowledge-sharing and the exchange of best practices in the area of public administration;

   (c) To assist in the implementation of the Plan of Action on e-government-related issues adopted by the World Summit on the Information Society at its first phase, held in Geneva from 10 to 12 December 2003;\(^4\)

   (d) To assist countries in public institutional and human resources development and development management in order to strengthen national ownership and capacity for the articulation of

\(^2\) Adopted by the Ninth Congress of the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions, Lima, 17–26 October 1977.

\(^3\) Adopted by the Nineteenth Congress of the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions, Mexico City, 5–10 November 2007.

\(^4\) See A/C.2/59/3, annex.
national development strategies, their effective implementation and full citizen engagement, with a special focus on developing countries, Africa, countries in transition and the least developed countries;

(e) To collect data on gender equality in public administration and high-level civil service positions, within its existing mandate;

(f) To continue to develop its online and offline training tools for capacity development and consolidate the products and services of its online information resources on public administration country studies.

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