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**Recommendations made by the Group of Experts on the
United Nations Programme in Public Administration
and Finance at its fifteenth meeting**

At its 42nd plenary meeting, on 27 July 2000, the Economic and Social Council endorsed the following recommendations made by the Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance at its fifteenth meeting:

Recommendation 1

The Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance recommends that subprogramme 8 (Public administration, finance and development) of programme 7 (Economic and social affairs) of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 be adopted with the changes set out in the annex to the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Group of Experts.¹

Recommendation 2

The Group of Experts recommends that its sixteenth meeting be held during the first quarter of the year 2002 and that the number of experts participating be maximized, possibly by shortening the meeting, in order to achieve a wider geographical representation.

Recommendation 3

The Group of Experts recommends the proclamation of a United Nations public service day to celebrate the value and the virtue of service to the community at the local, national and global levels, with prizes to be awarded by the Secretary-General for contributions made to the cause of enhancing the role, prestige and visibility of public service.

Recommendation 4

In view of the crucial importance of economic and social development issues relating to institutional and managerial development, the Group of Experts takes the view that its relations and interactions with such principal organs and intergovernmental bodies as the Economic and Social Council should be greatly reinforced and that the deliberations of the Council on matters concerning economic and social development could greatly benefit from the input of the Group of Experts. To make this more effective, it recommends that the Council review the status and reporting arrangements of the Group of Experts.

Recommendation 5

The Group of Experts recommends that the United Nations establish appropriate mechanisms to provide the opportunity for ministers and/or high-level officials of Member States responsible for public administration to meet periodically to discuss themes of common interest and exchange experiences.

¹ E/2000/66.

Recommendation 6

The Group of Experts recommends that the Council, through its subsidiary bodies, undertake a comparative analysis of national economic governance systems and examine best practices in order to assist national strategies for efficient economic governance.

Recommendation 7

The Group of Experts recommends that the Council include in its agenda discussion on issues related to economic governance and provide policy guidance for the global economic governance regimes established for the different functional areas administered by the specialized agencies.

Recommendation 8

The Group of Experts recommends to the Council that serious consideration be given to expanding on the work already done by the African ministers of public service, and that consideration be given to drawing up a United Nations model charter of public service.