

Inter-Agency Standing Committee

**Rome, 9 April 2002
FAO Headquarters**

ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment – 2002

Background Information:

- **Date of Segment:** 15-17 July 2002.
- **Theme of Segment:** *“Strengthening of the coordination of United Nations humanitarian assistance in cases of natural disasters and complex humanitarian emergencies, with particular attention to reaching the vulnerable and the transition from relief to development”*

Status of the Report

- Consultations are ongoing with IASC members and the third and final draft will be distributed for comments the week beginning 8 April 2002.

Panel suggestion

Taking into account the broad theme agreed upon by Member States, consideration may be given to holding 2 panels organized for the morning and afternoon of 15 July 2002. The proposed titles for the 2 panels may be as follows:

- Panel 1: *Reaching the vulnerable in the context of complex humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters. (Morning 15 July.)*
- Panel 2: *The transition from relief to development in the context of complex humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters. (Afternoon – 15 July)*

Action Points for IASC Plenary:

Based on the briefing to be provided by OCHA, the IASC is invited to:

- Provide comments on the proposals made for the panel organization, including the topics suggested. *(After incorporation of IASC comments, proposal will be shared with the ECOSOC Bureau for endorsement).*
- Confirm availability for panel participation on 15 July in New York.