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POINTS ON PLACEMENT. MHA DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

MANY SPEAKERS RAISED CONCERNS ABOUT WHERE THE PERMANENT FORUM SHOULD BE PLACED.

FIRST

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL PROVIDE A FOCUS FOR A PERMANENT FORUM. THERE ARE MANY BODIES OF (ECOSOC) INCLUDING COMMITTEES AND FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS SUCH AS THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, THE COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, AND THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN. THERE ARE EXPERTS COMMITTEE UNDER (ECOSOC) SUCH AS THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS WHICH MONITORS THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS ~~BUT NOT AS A BODY~~ (ECOSOC) IS THE PRINCIPAL ORGAN FOR SUPERVISING THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS, THE ENVIRONMENT, DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH, EDUCATION, CULTURAL ISSUES AND OTHER AREAS. AMONG ITS MANY MANDATES IS THE TASK OF OVERSEEING AND CO-ORDINATING BETWEEN DIFFERENT MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS FAMILY.

IF PLACED AT THIS LEVEL, A PERMANENT FORUM WOULD BE IN AN APPROPRIATE POSITION FOR CARRYING OUT THE PRINCIPAL ORIENTATION OF ITS WORK WHICH WERE IDENTIFIED EARLIER AS BROADLY CONNECTING HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS ENVIRONMENT, DEVELOPMENT

AS ONE'S

HEALTH, EDUCATION AND CULTURAL MATTER
WHILE CO-ORDINATING INDIGENOUS MATTER
BETWEEN UNITED NATIONS ORGANS AND
SPECIALIZED AGENCIES.

ALTHOUGH THE MANDATES ARE
BROAD AS TO BE ATTACHED TO ANY OF
THE UNITED NATIONS LEGISLATIVE
INSTRUMENT. IT SHOULD BE IN THE
SAME LEVEL AS ECOSOC'S Commission

MANDATES OF THE P. FORUM WILL
BE BROAD THEREFORE SHOULD
BE PLACED AT THE SAME LEVEL
AS ECOSOC