

**1996/259. Measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance**

At its 46th plenary meeting, on 23 July 1996, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1996/21 of 19 April 1996,<sup>61</sup> approved the Commission's decision to extend for a period of three years the mandate of the Special Rapporteur to examine incidents of contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, any form of discrimination against Blacks, Arabs and Muslims, among others, xenophobia, negrophobia, anti-Semitism and related intolerance, as well as governmental measures to overcome them, and to report on these matters on a yearly basis to the Commission, beginning at its fifty-third session, and approved the Commission's request that the Secretary-General provide the Special Rapporteur with all the necessary assistance and resources in carrying out his mandate.