

## **1996/288. Rights of the child**

At its 47th plenary meeting, on 24 July 1996, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1996/85 of 24 April 1996,<sup>61</sup> approved the Commission's request:

(a) To the inter-sessional open-ended working group on a draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflicts to meet for a period of two weeks, or less if possible, prior to the fifty-third session of the Commission, with a view to finalizing the draft optional protocol;

(b) To the Secretary-General to provide the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography with all necessary human and financial assistance, from within existing resources, to make the full discharge of the mandate possible and to enable her to submit an interim report to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session and a report to the Commission at its fifty-third session;

(c) To the inter-sessional open-ended working group on a draft optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography to meet for a period of two weeks, or less if possible, prior to the fifty-third session of the Commission to pursue its mandate, with a view to finalizing the draft optional protocol.