

1996/289. Effects of structural adjustment programmes on the full enjoyment of human rights

At its 47th plenary meeting, on 24 July 1996, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights decision 1996/103 of 11 April 1996,¹⁹⁸ and resolution 1995/32 of 24 August 1995 of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities of 24 August 1995,¹⁹⁹ endorsed the Commission's decision to establish an open-ended working group of the Commission to meet for a period of one week prior to its fifty-third session to elaborate, on the basis of the preliminary set of basic policy guidelines on structural adjustment programmes and economic, social and cultural rights²⁰⁰ and in close cooperation with the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, policy guidelines on the subject matter and requests the Secretary-General to provide all the assistance necessary to enable the working group to carry out its work. The Council also endorsed the Commission's decision to invite Governments, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations, as well as the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, to contribute to the elaboration of draft policy guidelines by providing their comments on the preliminary set of basic policy guidelines for consideration by the working group.

¹⁹⁸ *Ibid.*, 1996, *Supplement No. 3* and corrigendum (E/1996/23 and Corr. 1), chap. II, sect. B.

¹⁹⁹ E/CN.4/1996/2-E/CN.4/Sub.2/1995/51, chap. II, sect. A.

²⁰⁰ See E/CN.4/Sub.2/1995/10.