

**1998/276. Effects of structural adjustment policies on the full enjoyment of human rights**

At its 46th plenary meeting, on 30 July 1998, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights decision 1998/102 of 9 April 1998.<sup>55</sup>

(a) Endorsed the decision of the Commission to authorize the open-ended working group on structural adjustment programmes and economic, social and cultural rights to meet for one week, at least four weeks before the fifty-fifth session of the Commission, to consider the report of the independent expert and the comments received thereon, and to report to the Commission at its fifty-fifth session;

(b) Decided, in order that the working group might carry out its mandate:

- (i) To request the Secretary-General to circulate the report of the independent expert to Governments, United Nations bodies (in particular the regional commissions), the specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations (in particular those involved in development), and academic institutions and organizations representing disadvantaged and vulnerable groups, and to invite them to submit their comments thereon to the working group at its next session;
- (ii) To request the Secretary-General to invite and encourage non-governmental organizations involved in development and working in the field to participate actively in the sessions of the working group;
- (iii) To request the Secretary-General to provide all the necessary assistance and resources to enable the working group to complete its task and provide the independent expert with all the necessary assistance and resources to carry out his mandate.

<sup>54</sup> Ibid., 1984, *Supplement No. 4* and corrigendum (E/1984/14 and Corr.1), chap. II, sect. A.

<sup>55</sup> Ibid., 1998, *Supplement No. 3* (E/1998/23), chap. II, sect. B.