

ECOSOC Decision 2001/222

Human rights and indigenous issues

At its 9th plenary meeting, on 4 June 2001, the Economic and Social Council, having taken note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 2001/57 of 24 April 2001, endorsed the decision of the Commission:

(a) To appoint, for a three-year period, a Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people, with the following functions:

(i) To gather, request, receive and exchange information and communications from all relevant sources, including Governments, indigenous people themselves and their communities and organizations, on violations of their human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(ii) To formulate recommendations and proposals on appropriate measures and activities to prevent and remedy violations of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people;

(iii) To work in close relation with other special rapporteurs, special representatives, working groups and independent experts of the Commission on Human Rights and of the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, taking into account the request of the Commission contained in its resolution 1993/30 of 5 March 1993;¹

(b) To invite the Special Rapporteur:

(i) To take into account a gender perspective while carrying out her/his mandate, paying special attention to discrimination against indigenous women;

(ii) To pay special attention to violations of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous children;

(iii) To take into account, in carrying out his/her task, all the recommendations of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights and of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues relevant to his/her mandate;

(iv) To consider, in performing her/his work, the recommendations of the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance on matters concerning his/her mandate;

(c) To request the Chairperson of the Commission of Human Rights, following formal consultations with the Bureau and the regional groups through the regional coordinators, to appoint as Special Rapporteur an individual of recognized international standing and experience;

¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 3* (E/1993/23 and corrigenda), chap. II, sect. A.

(d) To request the Special Rapporteur to submit annual reports on her/his activities to the Commission on Human Rights, starting at its fifty-eighth session;

(e) To request the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide all the necessary human, technical and financial assistance to the Special Rapporteur for the fulfilment of her/his mandate.