

ECOSOC Decision 2001/249

Situation of human rights in Afghanistan

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 24 July 2001, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 2001/13 of 18 April 2001:¹

(a) Endorsed the Commission's decision to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan for a further year, and approved its request to the Special Rapporteur to report on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session and to the Commission at its fifty-eighth session;

(b) Approved the Commission's requests to:

(i) The Special Rapporteur to continue to pay special attention to the human rights of women and children and incorporate fully a gender perspective in his report to the Commission at its fifty-eighth session;

(ii) The Secretary-General to give all necessary assistance to the Special Rapporteur and to give due consideration to his recommendations in the formulation of United Nations activities in Afghanistan;

(iii) The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to ensure a human rights presence in the context of the United Nations activities in Afghanistan in order to provide advice and training in the field of human rights to all the Afghan parties, as well as to the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in the field.

¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2001, Supplement No. 3 (E/2001/23), chap. II, sect. A.*