

ECOSOC Decision 2001/259

The right to food

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 24 July 2001, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 2001/25 of 20 April 2001,¹ approved the Commission's requests to the Special Rapporteur on the right to food:

(a) To pay attention, in discharging his mandate, to the issue of drinking water, taking into account the interdependence of this issue and the right to food;

(b) To contribute effectively to the medium-term review of the implementation of the Rome Declaration on World Food Security² and the World Food Summit Plan of Action¹⁹⁸ by submitting to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights his recommendations on all aspects of the right to food;

(c) To mainstream a gender perspective in the activities relating to his mandate;

(d) To submit a preliminary report to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session and a final report on the implementation of resolution 2001/25 to the Commission at its fifty-eighth session.

The Council also endorsed the Commission's recommendation that the High Commissioner organize a fourth expert consultation on the right to food, with focus on the realization of this right as part of strategies and policies for the eradication of poverty, inviting experts from all regions.

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

² See *Report of the World Food Summit, 13-17 November 1996* (Rome, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, 1997), appendix.