

## **ECOSOC Decision 2001/273**

### **Human rights and bioethics**

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 24 July 2001, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 2001/71 of 25 April 2001,<sup>1</sup> approved the Commission's request to the Secretary-General to draw up proposals, on the basis of contributions from the organizations and specialized agencies of the United Nations and for consideration by the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session, concerning ways to ensure proper coordination of activities and thinking on bioethics throughout the United Nations system and to consider establishing a working group of independent experts from, inter alia, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the World Health Organization and the World Intellectual Property Organization, which would reflect, in particular, on the possible follow-up to the Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human Rights,<sup>2</sup> and report to the Secretary-General within a period to be determined by him.

---

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

<sup>2</sup> United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, *Records of the General Conference, Twenty-ninth Session*, vol. I, *Resolutions*, resolution 16.