ECOSOC Decision 2002/274

Enhancement of the effectiveness of the working methods of the Commission on Human Rights

At its 39th plenary meeting, on 25 July 2002, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 2002/91 of 26 April 2002,¹ endorsed the Commission's decision to initiate at its fifty-ninth session, under the agenda item entitled "Organization of the work of the session", a thorough review of the issue of the enhancement of the effectiveness of the working methods of the Commission, in particular those matters included in the nonexhaustive annex to Commission resolution 2002/91.

The Council also endorsed the decision of the Commission to request the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to solicit ideas and proposals on enhancing the effectiveness of the working methods of the Commission from Governments, the expanded Bureau of the fifty-eighth session of the Commission, regional groups and organizations and other participants at the Commission, including non-governmental organizations, with a view to submitting a comprehensive compilation of views to the Commission by 31 December 2002.

The Council further endorsed the decision of the Commission to request the expanded Bureau of its fifty-ninth session to submit, at the initial stage of the fifty-ninth session, proposals on how to proceed to consider this question in 2003 under the same agenda item.

¹ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2002, Supplement No. 3 (E/2002/23), chap. II, sect. A.