

ECOSOC Decision 2003/257

Situation of human rights in Afghanistan

At its 46th plenary meeting, on 23 July 2003, the Economic and Social Council, took note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 2003/77 of 25 April 2003¹ and approved the Commission's decision to request the Secretary-General to appoint an independent expert for a period of one year to develop, in strict collaboration with the Afghan Transitional Authority, including the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission, as well as with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan, a programme of advisory services to ensure the full respect and protection of human rights and the promotion of the rule of law and to seek and receive information about and report on the human rights situation in Afghanistan in an effort to prevent human rights violations.

The Council also approved the Commission's request that the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, continue to review the situation of women and girls in Afghanistan and submit a report to the General Assembly and the Commission.

¹ E/2003/23 (Part II), chap. I.B.