

## **ECOSOC Decision 2003/268**

### **The prevention of human rights violations caused by the availability and misuse of small arms and light weapons**

At its 46th plenary meeting, on 23 July 2003, the Economic and Social Council, took note of Commission on Human Rights decision 2003/112 of 25 April 2003<sup>1</sup> and endorsed the Commission's decisions:

(a) To approve the appointment of Ms. Barbara Frey as Special Rapporteur with the task of preparing a comprehensive study on the prevention of human rights violations committed with small arms and light weapons, based on her working paper<sup>2</sup> as well as the comments received and the discussion that took place at the fifty-fourth session of the Subcommittee on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights and at the fifty-eighth session of the Commission, and to request the Special Rapporteur to submit a preliminary report to the Subcommittee at its fifty-fifth session, a progress report at its fifty-sixth session and a final report at its fifty-seventh session;

(b) To request the Secretary-General to provide the Special Rapporteur with all the assistance necessary to enable her to accomplish her task.

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<sup>1</sup> E/2003/23 (Part II), chap. I.B.

<sup>2</sup> E/CN.4/Sub.2/2002/39.