

ECOSOC Decision 2004/221

Situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

At its 14th meeting, on 15 June 2004, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 2004/13 of 15 April 2004, approved the request to the Chairperson of the Commission to appoint, after consultation with the Bureau, an individual of recognized international standing and expertise in human rights as Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to establish direct contact with the Government and with the people of the Democratic People's Republic, including through visits to the country, to investigate and report on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, including compliance with its obligations under international human rights instruments, and to seek and receive credible and reliable information from all relevant actors.

The Council also approved the request to the Secretary-General to give the Special Rapporteur all necessary assistance in the discharge of his/her mandate.