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Question of the realization in all countries of the economic, social and cultural rights contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and study of special problems which the developing countries face in their efforts to achieve these human rights

At its 48th plenary meeting, on 22 July 2004, the Economic and Social Council took note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 2004/29 of 19 April 2004¹ and approved the decision of the Commission to renew, for a period of two years, the mandate of the open-ended working group of the Commission with a view to considering options regarding the elaboration of an optional protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, pursuant to Commission resolution 2002/24 of 22 April 2002,² and authorized the working group to meet for 10 working days prior to the sixty-first and the sixty-second sessions of the Commission.

¹ See E/2004/23 (Part I), chap. II, sect. A.

² Ibid.