

ECOSOC Decision 2004/263

Internally displaced persons

At its 48th plenary meeting, on 22 July 2004, the Economic and Social Council took note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 2004/55 of 20 April 2004¹ and endorsed the Commission's request to the Secretary-General, in effectively building upon the work of his Representative on internally displaced persons, to establish a mechanism that would address the complex problem of internal displacement, in particular by mainstreaming human rights of the internally displaced into all relevant parts of the United Nations system.

The Council also endorsed the request to the Secretary-General to ensure that the mechanism submitted annual reports on its activities to the Commission and to the General Assembly, making suggestions and recommendations regarding the human rights of internally displaced persons and engaging in an interactive dialogue thereon.

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