ECOSOC Decision 2005/217

Reform proposed by the Secretary-General in the area of human rights

At its 9th plenary meeting, on 9 June 2005, the Economic and Social Council:

(a) Bearing in mind General Assembly resolutions 59/145 of 17 December 2004 and 59/291 of 15 April 2005, in which the Assembly, inter alia, requested the President of the General Assembly to continue to hold open, inclusive and transparent consultations with all Member States with a view to reaching the broadest possible agreement on all major issues relating to the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly to be held in September 2005, and also taking note of Commission on Human Rights decision 2005/116 of 22 April 2005, decided to request the Chairperson of the Commission on Human Rights to organize, at the Commission’s sixty-first session, an open-ended informal consultation of up to two days to reflect on the recommendations on human rights contained in the report of the Secretary-General entitled “In larger freedom: towards development, security and human rights for all”\(^1\) with a view to contributing to the intergovernmental deliberations to be held in the Assembly on the proposed reforms of the United Nations;

(b) To that end also decided to authorize the Chairperson to prepare a summary of the informal consultation by 15 June 2005, to be transmitted to the President of the General Assembly through the President of the Economic and Social Council.

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