

ECOSOC Decision 2005/287

The difficulty of establishing guilt and/or responsibility with regard to crimes of sexual violence

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 25 July 2005, the Economic and Social Council took note of Commission on Human Rights decision 2005/108 of 19 April 2005,¹ and endorsed the decision of the Commission to appoint Ms. Lalaina Rakotoarisoa as Special Rapporteur of the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, entrusted with preparing a detailed study on the difficulties of establishing guilt and/or responsibilities with regard to crimes of sexual violence, and to request the Special Rapporteur to submit to the Subcommission a preliminary report at its fifty-seventh session, an interim report at its fifty-eighth session and a final report at its fifty-ninth session.

The Council also approved the Commission's request to the Secretary-General to provide the Special Rapporteur with any assistance she may require to carry out her mandate.

¹ See E/2005/23 (Part I), chap. II.B.