

**1999/251. Effects of structural adjustment policies on the full enjoyment of human rights**

At its 42nd plenary meeting, on 27 July 1999, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights decision 1999/104 of 26 April 1999,<sup>44</sup> decided:

(a) To extend for one year the mandate of the independent expert on structural adjustment policies to: (i) assist the Working Group on structural adjustment policies and economic, social and cultural rights in the fulfilment of its mandate, in particular by elaborating draft basic policy guidelines on structural adjustment policies; and (ii) monitor new developments, including actions and initiatives being taken by international financial institutions, other United Nations bodies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations with respect to structural adjustment policies and human rights, and submit a revised report to the Working Group at its third session;

(b) To authorize the Working Group to meet for two weeks well in advance of, but at least four weeks prior to, the fifty-sixth session of the Commission with the mandate to: (i) consider the updated report of the independent expert and comments received thereon; (ii) elaborate basic policy guidelines on structural adjustment programmes and economic, social and cultural rights which could serve as a basis for a continued dialogue between human rights bodies and the international financial institutions; and (iii) report to the Commission at its fifty-sixth session.

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<sup>44</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1999, Supplement No. 3 (E/1999/23), chap. II, sect. B.*