

1999/256. Rationalization of the work of the Commission on Human Rights

At its 42nd plenary meeting, on 27 July 1999, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of the statement made by the Chairperson of the Commission on Human Rights on 29 April 1999,⁴⁵ agreed on by consensus by the Commission:

(a) Endorsed the Commission's decision, contained therein:

- (i) To establish an inter-sessional open-ended working group, under the agenda item entitled "Rationalization of the work of the Commission", on enhancing the effectiveness of the mechanisms of the Commission to continue the comprehensive examination of the report submitted by the Bureau as well as other contributions in that connection;
- (ii) To authorize the working group to meet for a total of up to fifteen working days, prior to the fifty-sixth session of the Commission;
- (iii) To request the Chairperson of the working group to submit a report to the Commission at its fifty-sixth session, including recommendations for endorsement by the Commission;

(b) Approved the recommendations of the Commission that:

- (i) The Council should include in its resumed organizational session consideration of any proposals regarding special procedures or mandates adopted at the annual session of the Commission;
- (ii) The title of the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities should be immediately changed to "Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights".

⁴⁵ See E/CN.4/1999/SR.61, and corrigendum.