

**1999/287. Additional extraordinary sessions of the
Committee on Economic, Social and
Cultural Rights**

At its 46th plenary meeting, on 30 July 1999, the Economic and Social Council, concerned that existing meeting arrangements for the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights no longer permitted the Committee to discharge fully its responsibilities under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights⁹¹ and Council resolution 1985/17 of 28 May 1985 in an efficient and timely manner, approved the holding of two additional three-week extraordinary sessions of the Committee, as well as two additional one-week meetings of the pre-sessional working group in 2000 and 2001, respectively, provided that additional funding was made available, requested that the sessions be used entirely for the consideration of reports of the States parties in order to reduce the backlog of reports, and requested the Committee to consider ways and means to improve the efficiency of its working methods and to report to the Council in 2001 on the actions taken in this regard.

⁹¹ See General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.