

1999/293. Situation of human rights in East Timor

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 15 November 1999, the Economic and Social Council:

(a) Took note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1999/S-4/1 of 27 September 1999,⁹⁹ and endorsed the Commission's call upon the Secretary-General to establish an international commission of inquiry, with adequate representation of Asian experts, in order, in cooperation with the Indonesian National Commission on Human Rights and thematic rapporteurs, to gather and compile systematically information on possible violations of human rights and acts that might constitute breaches of international humanitarian law committed in East Timor since the announcement in January 1999 of the vote and to provide the Secretary-General with its conclusions with a view to enabling him to make recommendations on future actions, and to make the report of the commission of inquiry available to the Security Council, the General Assembly and the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-sixth session;

(b) Also took note of the decision of the Commission to request the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, the Representative of the Secretary-General on internally displaced persons, the Special Rapporteur on the question of torture, the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences, and the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances to carry out missions to East Timor and report on their findings to the Commission at its fifty-sixth session and, on an interim basis, to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session, and to request the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to prepare a comprehensive programme of technical cooperation in the field of human rights, in cooperation with other United Nations activities, focusing especially on capacity-building and reconciliation with a view to a durable solution to the problems in East Timor.

⁹⁹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1999, Supplement No. 3A (E/1999/23/Add.1), chap. II.*