

ECOSOC Decision 2001/247

The right to development

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 24 July 2001, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 2001/9 of 18 April 2001:¹

(a) Endorsed the Commission's decisions, in view of the urgent need to make further progress towards the realization of the right to development as elaborated in the Declaration on the Right to Development² and based on the established practice of the Commission:

(i) To extend the mandate of the open-ended working group established to monitor and review progress made in the promotion and implementation of the right to development for a further year;

(ii) To extend the mandate of the independent expert on the right to development for three years;

(b) Approved the Commission's requests to:

(i) The independent expert to prepare, in consultation with all relevant United Nations agencies and the Bretton Woods institutions, a preliminary study on the impact of the international economic and financial issues on the enjoyment of human rights, starting by analysing the existing efforts and means of assessing and evaluating such an impact, for consideration by the Working Group on the Right to Development at its future sessions;

(ii) The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the United Nations specialized agencies, United Nations funds and programmes, the international financial institutions and other relevant actors to collaborate with the independent expert in the fulfilment of his mandate;

(iii) The Working Group on the Right to Development as well as the independent expert, to consider, as appropriate, the relevant economic and developmental outcomes of the international conferences, inter alia, the South Summit of the Group of Seventy-Seven and the follow-up thereto, in elaborating their recommendations for the implementation of the right to development.

¹ *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2001, Supplement No. 3* (E/2001/23), chap. II, sect. A.

² General Assembly resolution 41/128, annex.