

## **ECOSOC Decision 2001/265**

### **Draft optional protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment**

At its 40th plenary meeting, on 24 July 2001, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 2001/44 of 23 April 2001:<sup>1</sup>

(a) Authorized the open-ended working group of the Commission on a draft optional protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment<sup>2</sup> to meet for a period of two weeks, prior to the fifty-eighth session of the Commission, in order to continue or conclude the elaboration of a draft optional protocol to the Convention;

(b) Encouraged the Chairperson-Rapporteur of the working group to conduct informal inter-sessional consultations with all interested parties in order to facilitate the completion of a consolidated text.

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

<sup>2</sup> General Assembly resolution 39/46.