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Informal one-day meeting  
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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS THERETO**

**Provisional agenda prepared by the Secretary-General**

1. Opening of the informal meeting.
2. Implementation of Commission decision 2000/109.
3. Round-up of the meeting.

## **Annotations to the provisional agenda**

### **Item 1. Opening of the informal meeting**

1. The meeting will be opened by the Chairperson of the sixtieth session of the Commission. A statement will also be made by the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

### **Item 2. Implementation of Commission decision 2000/109**

#### **Legislative authority**

2. At its fifty-sixth session, in decision 2000/109 of 26 April 2000, entitled "Enhancing the effectiveness of the mechanisms of the Commission on Human Rights", the Commission requested the Chairperson to convene a one-day informal meeting of the Commission in late September each year to facilitate exchange of information in advance of the General Assembly.

3. In the same decision, the Commission decided to approve and implement comprehensively and in its entirety the report of its intersessional open-ended working group on enhancing the effectiveness of the mechanisms of the Commission (E/CN.4/2000/112). The attention of the Commission is drawn to paragraphs 33 and 34 of the above-mentioned report, which read as follows:

"The cycle of meetings (the Commission session in spring; the United Nations General Assembly in autumn) is such that the Third Committee of the General Assembly is well placed to consider developments in the interim since the Commission session. Given the significant overlap both in agenda and in attendance between the Commission and the Third Committee, the Working Group considers that there is scope for a more dynamic sense of connection between the two. In particular, the Group recognizes the rationale for some form of enhanced preparation in Geneva so as to ensure that all delegations have relevant information available to them in their preparations for the Third Committee.

"The Working Group therefore recommends that the Chairperson of the Commission should convene a one-day informal meeting of the Commission in late September each year specifically to facilitate exchange of information in advance of the General Assembly. The meeting, which would not have a formal outcome, would have an agenda comprising those issues which had been dealt with at the previous Commission session and which were also on the provisional agenda for the Third Committee. Each item would be focused on briefly, with information from the Secretariat on any developments since the Commission session, and an opportunity for comment by government representatives, including any indication of intentions for tabling resolutions in the Third Committee."

### **Background information concerning the work of the Third Committee**

4. According to preliminary information\* provided by the secretariat of the Third Committee, the Committee will begin its work on [4 October 2004], at which time it will approve its draft programme of work (A/C.3/59/L.1, annex). The Third Committee will begin consideration of human rights items on [18 October 2004] with the item on the promotion and protection of the rights of children. General discussion on human rights items will conclude on [9 November 2004]. It is proposed that the High Commissioner will present her report on [26 October 2004].

5. The human rights items to be allocated to the Third Committee by the General Assembly this year are as follows:

- Item [103]. Promotion and protection of the rights of children
- Item [104]. Programme of activities for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People:
- Item [105]. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination:
  - (a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination;
  - (b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.
- Item [106]. Right of peoples to self-determination
- Item [107]. Human rights questions:
  - (a) Implementation of human rights instruments;
  - (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;
  - (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;
  - (d) Comprehensive implementation and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;
  - (e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

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\* As the dates of the relevant meetings of the Third Committee and the numbers of agenda items are still subject to change, they are put in square brackets.

### **Proposed organization of work**

6. A draft timetable for the informal one-day meeting prepared by the Secretariat will be placed on the web site of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) once it has been considered by the Expanded Bureau of the sixtieth session of the Commission.

### **Documentation**

7. The following documentation has been prepared by OHCHR and by special rapporteurs and representatives, pursuant to pertinent General Assembly resolutions and resolutions adopted by the Commission on Human Rights, for consideration by the Third Committee: \*

#### **Item [103]. Promotion and protection of the rights of children**

- (a) Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child  
(*Official records of the General Assembly, Fifty-ninth session, Supplement No. 41*) (A/59/41)  
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 44/25;
- (b) Report of the Secretary General on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (A/59/190)  
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 58/157.

#### **Item [104]. Programme of activities for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People**

- (a) Biennial report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations (A/59/257)  
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 40/131;
- (b) Annual report of the High Commissioner on the implementation of the programme of activities for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (A/59/277)  
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 58/158;
- (c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous peoples (A/59/258)  
Legislative authority: Commission on Human Rights resolution 2004/62;  
Economic and Social Council decision 2004/267.

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\* The documents may be consulted on the OHCHR web site either in their final form or as edited advance versions.

**Item [105]. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination:**

**(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination**

- (a) Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on its sixty-fourth and sixty-fifth sessions (*Official records of the General Assembly, Fifty-ninth session, Supplement No. 18*) (A/59/18)  
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolutions 2106 A (XX) and 57/194;
- (b) Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (A/59/276)  
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 57/194;
- (c) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (A/59/275)  
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 57/194;
- (d) Study on the issue of political platforms that promote or incite racial discrimination prepared by the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (A/59/330)  
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 58/159;
- (e) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (A/59/329)  
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 58/160.

**(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action**

- (a) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 58/160 on the global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (A/59/...)  
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 58/160.

**Item [106]. Right of peoples to self-determination**

- (a) Report of the Secretary-General on the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination (A/59/...)  
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 58/161;

- (b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the use of mercenaries as a means of impeding the right of peoples to self-determination (A/59/191)  
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 58/162.

**Item [107]. Human rights questions:**

**(a) Implementation of human rights instruments**

- (a) Report of the Secretary-General on measures taken to implement General Assembly resolution 57/202 on the effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (A/59/308)  
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 57/202;
- (b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the chairpersons of human rights treaty bodies on their sixteenth meeting (annex: report of the third inter-committee meeting) (A/59/254)  
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 57/202;
- (c) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (A/59/310)  
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 58/164;
- (d) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (A/59/324)  
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 58/164; Commission on Human Rights resolution 2004/41; Economic and Social Council decision 2004/261;
- (e) Report of the Committee against Torture (*Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 44*) (A/59/44)  
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolutions 39/46, annex and 58/164;
- (f) Note by the Secretariat on the operations of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (A/59/353)  
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 58/164;
- (g) Report of the Human Rights Committee (*Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 40*) (A/59/40, vol. I and II)  
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI) ;

- (h) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (A/59/306)  
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 58/166;
- (i) Report of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (*Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 48*) (A/59/48)  
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 45/158;
- (j) Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery (A/59/309)  
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 46/122.

**(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms**

- (a) Report of the Secretary-General on the state of regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (A/59/323)  
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 57/210;
- (b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (A/59/319)  
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 57/214; Commission on Human Rights resolution 2004/37; Economic and Social Council decision 2004/259;
- (c) Report of the Secretary-General on the steps taken to implement General Assembly resolution 57/215 on the question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (A/59/341)  
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 57/215;
- (d) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 57/221 on strengthening of the rule of law (A/59/...)  
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 57/221;
- (e) Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity (A/59/327)  
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 58/168;
- (f) Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and unilateral coercive measures (A/59/...)  
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 58/171;
- (g) Report of the Secretary-General on the right to development (A/59/255)  
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 58/172;

- (h) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health (A/59/...) Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 58/173; Commission on Human Rights resolution 2004/27; Economic and Social Council decision 2004/255;
- (i) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 58/176 on the Subregional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa (A/59/...) Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 58/176;
- (j) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on human rights defenders (A/59/...) Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 58/178;
- (k) Report of the High Commissioner on the proposed plan of action for the first phase of the world programme for human rights education (A/59/...) Legislative authority: Commission on Human Rights resolution 2004/71; Economic and Social Council decision 2004/268 ;
- (l) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief (A/59/...) Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 58/184; Commission on Human Rights resolution 2004/36; Economic and Social Council decision 2004/258;
- (m) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the right to food (A/59/...) Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 58/186;
- (n) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 58/187 on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (A/59/...) Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 58/187;
- (o) Report of the High Commissioner on a study on the extent to which the human rights special procedures and treaty monitoring bodies are able to address the compatibility of national counter-terrorism measures with international human rights obligations in their work (A/59/...) Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 58/187;
- (p) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 58/190 on the protection of migrants (A/59/328) Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 58/190;



- (q) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the human rights of migrants (A/59/342)  
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 58/190;
- (r) Report of the Secretary-General on globalization and its impact on the full enjoyment of all human rights (A/59/320)  
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 58/193.

**(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives**

- (a) Note by the Secretariat concerning a mission of investigation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo by the Special Rapporteurs of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and a member of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances (A/59/...)  
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 58/196;
- (b) Note by the Secretariat concerning the report of the independent expert on technical cooperation and advisory services in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (A/59/...)  
Legislative authority: Commission on Human Rights resolution 2004/84; Economic and Social Council decision 2004/225;
- (c) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (A/59/311)  
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 58/247; Commission on Human Rights resolution 2004/61; Economic and Social Council decision 2004/266;
- (d) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied by Israel since 1967 (A/59/256)  
Legislative authority: Commission on Human Rights resolution 2004/10; Economic and Social Council decision 2004/250;
- (e) Note by the Secretary-General concerning the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (A/59/316)  
Legislative authority: Commission on Human Rights resolution 2004/13; Economic and Social Council decision 2004/221;
- (f) Note by the Secretariat concerning the establishment of a mechanism to address the problem of internal displacement (A/59/...)

Legislative authority: Commission on Human Rights resolution 2004/55;  
Economic and Social Council decision 2004/263;

- (g) Note by the Secretariat concerning the report of the independent expert on advisory services and technical assistance in Burundi (A/59/352)  
Legislative authority: Commission on Human Rights resolution 2004/82 ;  
Economic and Social Council decision 2004/224;
- (h) Report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on assistance to Sierra Leone in the field of human rights (A/59/340)  
Legislative authority: Commission on Human Rights resolution 2004/86;  
Economic and Social Council decision 2004/271;
- (i) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the independent expert on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan (A/59/...)  
Legislative authority: Statement by the Chairperson of the Commission on Human Rights of 21 April 2004; Economic and Social Council decision 2004/284;
- (j) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the independent expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan (A/59/...)  
Legislative authority: Commission on Human Rights decision 2004/128;  
Economic and Social Council decision 2004/229.

**(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action**

No advance documentation.

**(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights**

- (a) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/59/36)  
Legislative authority: General Assembly resolution 48/141.

**Item 3. Round-up of the meeting**

- 8. Final remarks will be made by the Chairperson of the Commission on Human Rights.

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