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**Effect of structural adjustment policies and foreign debt on the full enjoyment
of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights**

Note by the secretariat

1. In its decision 2002/257, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 2002/29, authorized the open-ended working group established to elaborate policy guidelines on structural adjustment programmes and economic, social and cultural rights to meet for two weeks well in advance of, and at least four weeks prior to, the fifty-ninth session of the Commission with the mandate: (a) to continue working on the elaboration of basic policy guidelines on structural adjustment programmes and economic, social and cultural rights which could serve as a basis for a continued dialogue between human rights bodies and the international financial institutions; and (b) to report to the Commission at its fifty-ninth session.
2. By note verbale No. 200/2002 of 17 October 2002 the Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the United Nations Office at Geneva informed the Secretariat that the Chairman-designate of the working group would need more time to carry out consultations with regional groups of States prior to the session.
3. On the basis of this information, of which the members of the Expanded Bureau of the Commission have been notified, the fourth session of the Open-ended working group on structural adjustment programmes scheduled to take place in Geneva from 11 to 22 November 2002 has been postponed pending consultations with a view to setting new dates for the working group to resume its deliberations.
