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**DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIFTY-SIXTH SESSION  
OF THE SUB-COMMISSION**

**Note by the Secretary-General**

The following draft provisional agenda for the fifty-sixth session of the Sub-Commission is submitted in accordance with paragraph 3 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII) of 1 August 1974 and includes an indication for each item of the documents to be prepared in implementation of relevant Sub-Commission decisions. If necessary, the draft provisional agenda will be amended in the light of any decisions which the Sub-Commission may take after the preparation of this document.

The text of the draft provisional agenda for the fifty-sixth session of the Sub-Commission reads as follows:

1. *Organization of work*

Legislative authority: Commission on Human Rights resolution 2002/66 and decision 2000/109 (annex, chap. 4); Sub-Commission decisions 1999/114 and 2003/112.

2. *Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including policies of racial discrimination and segregation, in all countries, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories: report of the Sub-Commission under Commission on Human Rights resolution 8 (XXIII)\**

Legislative authority: Commission on Human Rights resolution 2003/59 and decision 2000/109 (annex, paras. 51-53); Sub-Commission resolution 2003/15.

3. *Administration of justice, rule of law and democracy\**

Legislative authority: Sub-Commission resolutions 2003/7, 2003/8, 2003/10, 2003/11 and 2003/25, and decisions 2003/104, 2003/106, 2003/107 and 2003/108.

Documentation:

- (a) Preliminary report of Ms. Zerrougui, Special Rapporteur on discrimination in the criminal justice system (resolution 2002/3, para. 3);
- (b) Report of the sessional working group on the administration of justice (resolution 2003/7, para. 2);

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\* Pursuant to Commission on Human Rights resolution 2003/44, a gender perspective is integrated into all agenda items.

- (c) Updated report of Mr. Decaux on the issue of the administration of justice through military tribunals (resolution 2003/8, para. 3);
- (d) Preliminary report of Mr. Decaux, Special Rapporteur on universal implementation of international human rights treaties (resolution 2003/25, para. 3);
- (e) Working paper by Ms. O'Connor on the issue of women in prison (decision 2003/104);
- (f) Final working paper by Mr. Rodríguez Cuadros on measures provided in the various international human rights instruments for the promotion and consolidation of democracy (decision 2003/106);
- (g) Expanded working paper by Ms. Rakotoarisoa on the difficulties of establishing guilt and/or responsibilities with regard to crimes of sexual violence (decision 2003/107);
- (h) Working paper by Ms. Hampson on the criminalization, investigation and prosecution of acts of serious sexual violence (decision 2003/108).

4. *Economic, social and cultural rights\**

Legislative authority: Commission on Human Rights resolution 2003/83;  
Sub-Commission resolutions 1999/9, 2001/2, 2001/3, 2002/7, 2003/1, 2003/2, 2003/12, 2003/13, 2003/14, 2003/16, 2003/17, 2003/18, 2003/19, and decisions 2003/109 and 2003/116.

Documentation:

- (a) Annual report of the Secretary-General on the realization of the right to development (resolution 1999/9);

- (b) Final report of Mr. Guissé, Special Rapporteur on the promotion of the realization of the right to drinking water supply and sanitation (resolution 2001/2, para. 5);
- (c) Report of the sessional working group on the working methods and activities of transnational corporations (resolutions 2001/3, para. 4, and 2003/16, para. 7);
- (d) Progress report of Mr. Pinheiro, Special Rapporteur on housing and property restitution in the context of the return of refugees and internally displaced persons (resolution 2002/7, para. 8);
- (e) Preliminary report of Ms. Mbonu, Special Rapporteur on corruption and its impact on the full enjoyment of human rights (resolution 2003/2, para. 6);
- (f) Working paper by Mr. Decaux on non-discrimination as enshrined in article 2, paragraph 2, of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (resolution 2003/12, para. 1);
- (g) Progress report on the joint working paper by Ms. Motoc, Mr. Decaux, Mr Yokota and Mr. Guissé, with Mr. Bengoa as coordinator, on the need to develop guiding principles on the implementation of existing human rights norms and standards in the context of the fight against extreme poverty (resolution 2003/13, para. 3);
- (h) Report of the Social Forum (resolution 2003/14, paras. 10 and 11);
- (i) Working paper by Mr. Guissé on the effects of debt on human rights (decision 2003/109);
- (j) Working paper by Ms. O'Connor on the right to development (decision 2003/109).

5. *Prevention of discrimination:\**

- (a) *Racism, racial discrimination and xenophobia;*
- (b) *Prevention of discrimination and protection of indigenous peoples;*
- (c) *Prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities*

Legislative authority: Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/34; Commission on Human Rights resolutions 1995/24 and 1998/19; Sub-Commission resolutions 2002/15, 2003/7, 2003/22, 2003/23, 2003/24, 2003/29 and 2003/30, and decision 2003/113.

Documentation:

- (a) Report of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations on its twenty-second session (Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/34; Sub-Commission resolution 2003/29, paras. 22 and 23);
- (b) Report of the Working Group on Minorities on its tenth session (Commission resolutions 1995/24 and 1998/19);
- (c) Final report of Ms. Daes, Special Rapporteur on indigenous people's permanent sovereignty over natural resources (Sub-Commission resolution 2002/15, para. 2);
- (d) Annual report of Mr. Weissbrodt, Special Rapporteur on the rights of non-citizens (Sub-Commission resolution 2003/21, para. 19);
- (e) Further working paper by Mr. Eide and Mr. Yokota on the topic of discrimination based on work and descent (Sub-Commission resolution 2003/22, paras. 7 and 8);
- (f) Final report by Mr. Eide on peaceful and constructive approaches to situations involving minorities (Sub-Commission resolution 2003/23, para. 3).

6. *Specific human rights issues:*\*
- (a) *Women and human rights;*
  - (b) *Contemporary forms of slavery;*
  - (c) *New priorities, in particular terrorism and counter-terrorism*

Legislative authority: Economic and Social Council decisions 16 and 17 (LVI); Commission on Human Rights resolution 2003/73; Sub-Commission resolutions 5 (XIV), 2003/3, 2003/4, 2003/6, 2003/26, 2003/27 and 2003/28, and decisions 2003/105, 2003/114 and 2003/115.

Documentation:

- (a) Report of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery on its twenty-eighth session (Economic and Social Council decisions 16 and 17 (LVI));
- (b) Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 5 (XIV));
- (c) Progress report of Ms. Frey, Special Rapporteur on the prevention of human rights violations committed with small arms and light weapons (resolution 2002/25, para. 5, and decision 2003/105);
- (d) Report of the Secretary-General on measures to implement the Programme of Action for the Elimination of the Exploitation of Child Labour (resolution 2003/3, para. 28);
- (e) Preliminary report of Ms. Motoc, Special Rapporteur on human rights and the human genome (resolution 2003/4, para. 2);
- (f) Final report of Ms. Koufa, Special Rapporteur on terrorism and human rights (resolution 2003/6, para. 2);

- (g) Updated report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on the issues of systematic rape, sexual slavery and slavery-like practices during armed conflicts (resolution 2003/26, para. 7);
- (h) Updated report of Ms. Warzazi, Special Rapporteur on traditional practices affecting the health of women and the girl child (resolution 2003/28, para. 14);
- (i) Final working paper by Ms. Hampson on reservations to human rights treaties (decision 2003/114);
- (j) Working paper by Mr. Dos Santos Alves on human rights and international solidarity (decision 2003/115).

7. *Draft provisional agenda and adoption of the report:*

- (a) *Draft provisional agenda for the fifty-seventh session of the Sub-Commission;*
- (b) *Adoption of the report on the fifty-sixth session*

Legislative authority: Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII).

Documentation:

Note by the Secretary-General containing the draft provisional agenda for the fifty-seventh session of the Sub-Commission, together with information concerning documentation relating thereto.

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