



**OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS**



**2005/14. Accountability of international personnel taking  
part in peace support operations**

*The Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights,*

*Guided by the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,*

*Recognizing the importance of accountability as an end in itself and, in particular, in the context of international personnel taking part in peace support operations,*

*Concerned about the allegations of criminal behaviour and other misconduct by military and civilian personnel in peace support operations,*

*Recalling its decision 2002/104 of 12 August 2002 in which the Sub-Commission decided to entrust Françoise Hampson with the task of drafting, without financial implications, a working paper on the scope of the activities and accountability of armed forces, United Nations civilian police, international civil servants and experts taking part in peace support operations,*

*Recalling also the subsequent discussions during its fifty-fifth and fifty-sixth sessions, in which the scope of the peace support operations for the purposes of the paper was clarified,*

*Taking into account the working paper on the accountability of international personnel taking part in peace support operations submitted by Ms. Hampson at its fifty-seventh session (E/CN.4/Sub.2/2005/42),*

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the working paper;
2. *Decides* to appoint Françoise Hampson as Special Rapporteur with the task of preparing a comprehensive study on the accountability of international personnel taking part in peace support operations based on her working paper as well as the comments received and the discussions that took place at the fifty-seventh session of the Sub-Commission, and requests the Special Rapporteur to submit a preliminary report to the Sub-Commission at its fifty-eighth session, a progress report at its fifty-ninth session and a final report at its sixtieth session;
3. *Requests* the Special Rapporteur to submit a preliminary report to the Sub-Commission at its fifty-eighth session, a progress report at its fifty-ninth session and a final report at its sixtieth session;
4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide the Special Rapporteur with all the assistance necessary to accomplish this task, including the possibility of visiting United Nations Headquarters and distributing a questionnaire to States that contribute troops to peace support operations;
5. *Decides*, if Ms. Hampson's appointment as Special Rapporteur should not be approved by the Commission on Human Rights or the Economic and Social Council, for whatever reason, to request her to prepare an expanded working paper on the accountability of international personnel taking part in peace support operations, to be submitted to the fifty-eighth session of the Sub-Commission;

6. *Recommends* the following draft decision to the Commission on Human Rights for adoption:

“The Commission on Human Rights, taking note of Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights resolution 2005/14 of 10 August 2005, decides to endorse the decision of the Sub-Commission to appoint Françoise Hampson as Special Rapporteur with the task of preparing a comprehensive study on the accountability of international personnel taking part in peace support operations, based on her working paper (E/CN.4/Sub.2/2005/42) as well as the comments received and the discussions that took place at the fifty-seventh session of the Sub-Commission, and requests the Special Rapporteur to submit a preliminary report to the Sub-Commission at its fifty-eighth session, a progress report at its fifty-ninth session and a final report at its sixtieth session. The Commission also decides to endorse the request to the Secretary-General to provide the Special Rapporteur with all the assistance necessary to enable her to accomplish her task, including the possibility of visiting United Nations Headquarters and distributing a questionnaire to States that contribute troops to peace support operations.”

7. *Decides* to continue consideration of this issue at its fifty-eighth session under the same agenda item.

*19th meeting  
10 August 2005*

[Adopted without a vote.]

See E/CN.4/2006/2, E/CN.4/Sub.2/2005/44, chap. V.]