



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



Technical cooperation and advisory services in Chad

Commission on Human Rights Resolution: 2004/85

The Commission on Human Rights,

Reaffirming that all Member States have an obligation to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms as stated in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenants on Human Rights and other applicable human rights instruments, and the duty to fulfil the obligations that they have undertaken under the various instruments in this field,

Mindful that Chad is required to implement all the international and regional instruments to which it is a party,

Recalling its resolution 2003/81 of 25 April 2003,

Welcoming the positive attitude of the Government of Chad and its readiness to cooperate with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights with a view to consolidating the culture of human rights,

Welcoming also the readiness of the Government of Chad to cooperate with the special procedures of the Commission,

1. *Takes note* of the existence in Chad of a formal regulatory and institutional framework answering to the requirements of the rule of law;

2. *Welcomes with satisfaction:*

(a) The joint needs-assessment mission to Chad undertaken by the Office of the High Commissioner and the United Nations Development Programme between 26 February and 4 March 2004 with a view to the preparation, in consultation with the Government of Chad, of a programme of technical assistance and advisory services in the field of human rights;

(b) The willingness of the Government of Chad to cooperate closely with its international partners in improving the legal and institutional environment with a view to greater respect for human rights;

(c) The existence of a lively civil society in Chad;

3. *Voices its deep concern:*

(a) At the violence, in particular the intercommunal violence exacerbated by ethnic tensions, and the unhelpful contribution made to the situation by paramilitaries and demobilized soldiers;

(b) At the dependence of the judiciary upon the executive;

(c) At the scarcity of physical and human resources in the judicial and prison sectors;

(d) At the culture of impunity resulting from the dysfunction of the justice system and the violent political and social environment;

(e) At the weakness of the national human rights structures and institutions;

4. *Urges all parties:*

(a) To establish coordination among the various national structures and institutions and between them and Chad's development partners;

(b) To promote collaboration and dialogue among the various entities active in the field of human rights with a view to preventing and resolving intercommunal conflicts;

(c) To increase the capabilities of civil society;

(d) To devise a human rights awareness, popularization and education programme and strategy for cultivating a spirit of tolerance and civic responsibility;

(e) To support reform of the justice system;

(f) To support structures and institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights;

(g) To support the common country assessment and United Nations Development Assistance Framework process;

(h) To encourage the integration of human rights into the activities and programmes of the United Nations country team in Chad;

5. *Urges the Government of Chad:*

(a) To strengthen the justice sector in order to combat impunity;

(b) To promote the rights of women and children;

(c) To take action to eradicate violence, insecurity and social and cultural antagonism;

(d) To promote the rights of refugees and displaced persons;

(e) To consider ratifying the international human rights agreements and apply them in full;

6. *Decides:*

(a) To appoint an independent expert for an initial period of one year to facilitate cooperation between the Government of Chad and the Office of the High Commissioner in the promotion and protection of human rights and to submit a report to the Commission at its sixty-first-session;

(b) To return to this question at its sixty-first session under the same agenda item;

7. *Recommends* the following draft decision to the Economic and Social Council for adoption:

[For the text, see chap. I, draft decision 30.]

58th meeting

21 April 2004

[Adopted without a vote. See chap. XIX.- E/2004/23 – E/CN.4/2004/127]